Figurative Language Worksheet 5

Directions: Read the lines of poetry. Slashes represent line breaks. Figure out which technique is being used: simile, metaphor, hyperbole, or personification. In the boxes, explain how you figured out your answer. It is possible that more than one technique is being used. If you can, explain each.

1. All books are either dreams, or swords,
   You can cut, or you can drug, with words.

   Which technique is being used? __________________________
   Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

   How do you figure?
   (write a sentence explaining your answer)

2. In peaceful noises of the farm, and watch
   The pastoral fields burned by the setting sun...

   Which technique is being used? __________________________
   Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

   How do you figure?
   (write a sentence explaining your answer)

3. A watery light
   Touched bleak the granite bridge, and white
   Without the slightest tinge of gold,
   The city shivered in the cold.

   Which technique is being used? __________________________
   Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

   How do you figure?
   (write a sentence explaining your answer)

4. And still they danced, until the moon sank low,
   Blushing a little,

   Which technique is being used? __________________________
   Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

   How do you figure?
   (write a sentence explaining your answer)

5. The stones of the field are sharp as steel.

   Which technique is being used? __________________________
   Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

   How do you figure?
   (write a sentence explaining your answer)
6. Swift hath sped the hour of our youth.
Which technique is being used? ________________________________
Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole
How do you figure?
(Write a sentence explaining your answer)

7. The lake waves were flakes of red gold.
Which technique is being used? ________________________________
Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole
How do you figure?
(Write a sentence explaining your answer)

8. April now walks the fields again,
    Trailing her tearful leaves
    And holding all her frightened buds against her heart
Which technique is being used? ________________________________
Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole
How do you figure?
(Write a sentence explaining your answer)

9. Your lips, light as the wings of the dragon-flies...
Which technique is being used? ________________________________
Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole
How do you figure?
(Write a sentence explaining your answer)

10. The moon came with a blinding glow.
Which technique is being used? ________________________________
Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole
How do you figure?
(Write a sentence explaining your answer)

**Bonus:** Create three original examples of simile, metaphor, personification, and hyperbole (total of 12 examples).