Figurative Language Worksheet 7

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. I shall be as peaceful as the leafy trees.
   Which technique is used? __________________________
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2. She had no saying dark enough
   For the dark pine that kept
   Forever trying the window-latch
   Of the room where they slept.
   Which technique is used? __________________________
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3. For I knew his eyes
   Like an old, old song.
   Which technique is used? __________________________
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4. Your voice was a web to bind.
   Which technique is used? __________________________
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5. Having prepared their buds against a sure winter,
   The wise trees stand sleeping in the cold.
   Which technique is used? __________________________
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6. Life is a frail moth flying, 
   Caught in the web of the years that pass,

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

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

7. Are not my children as dear to me as falling leaves?

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

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

8. The sunflower droops to the lazy wave; 
The wind sleeps--

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

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

9. I can scarcely breathe, 
The darkness is so thick. 
It stifles me, 
And weighs so heavily upon me,

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

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

10. Between the moss and stone 
The lonely lilies rise;

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

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