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Personification Worksheet 9

Directions: In each sentence, an object or idea is personified. Identify the object or idea that is being personified and explain which human trait or action is applied to the object or idea.

Personification: a figurative language technique where an object or idea is given human traits or characteristics.

1. Nor shall we murmur at, nor much regret
The years that gently bend us to the ground.

What is being personified? _____

Which human trait or quality is given? _____

2. Seven times the moon had died
Since my lover rode in his silver mail
Away from his new-made bride.

What is being personified? _____

Which human trait or quality is given? _____

3. Down the ribbon of moonlight, over the brow of the hill,
The highwayman came riding,

What is being personified? _____

Which human trait or quality is given? _____

4. Ah, never think that ships forget a shore,
Or bitter seas, or winds that made them wise;

What is being personified? _____

Which human trait or quality is given? _____

5. Then, as the whispering evening crossed the sea,
Sweeping the waters with her veil of grey,
Wave-worn and weary of the ocean,

What is being personified? _____

Which human trait or quality is given? _____

6. Out on the bay a lone ship light
Makes a silver pathway over the bar
Where the sea sings low.

What is being personified? _____

Which human trait or quality is given? _____

7. That is the land of lost content,
I see it shining plain,
The happy highways where I went,
And cannot come again.

What is being personified? _____

Which human trait or quality is given? _____

8. I have seen the lady April bringing the daffodils,
Bringing the springing grass and the soft warm April rain.

What is being personified? _____

Which human trait or quality is given? _____

9. In ribbons frayed and thin--
And startled by the light
Silence shrinks deeper in
The depths of night.

What is being personified? _____

Which human trait or quality is given? _____

10. Or rain that drips from the forest eaves,
Or lone lost winds that arise, unbidden,

What is being personified? _____

Which human trait or quality is given? _____