Figurative Language and English Terms

In this story, we will also discuss major literary elements that are present throughout the play. Write the definitions of the literary terms below. If you have forgotten, reference your literary terms note sheet.

Vignette: A short description or entry about an experience or event

An example: A diary

Imagery: an author's use of vivid and descriptive language to add depth to their work. It appeals to the human senses.

An example: "I could hear the crackling and popping as mom dropped the bacon into the pan."

Simile: A comparison of two unlike things using "like" or "as"

An example: She was as light as a feather.

Metaphor: A comparison of two unlike things not using "like" or "as"

An example: Her feet were canoes.

Personification: Giving a human characteristic to a nonliving thing.

An example: The run-down house appeared to be depressed.

Theme: is the message conveyed by a text that applies to multiple other texts

An example: "Crimes cannot be hidden."

