

WHAT MY NAME MEANS

BY JENNIFER DIGNAN

Day 1

POETIC DEVICES

Watch the video link, <https://youtu.be/bvb4mTvGNf8>, "Poetic Devices" below and take notes. OR review the Poetry Elements notes. You will need the definitions for the different poetic devices to complete day 1 assignment.

Directions: Read the lines of poetry. Slashes represent line breaks. Identify two or more poetic techniques being used in each example and write them on the line. There may be more than two techniques being used. In the boxes below, explain each of your answers.

1. I'm growing fonder of my staff; / I'm growing dimmer in the eyes; I'm growing fainter in my laugh; / I'm growing deeper in my sighs;

Circle which poetic devices are being used (pick two or more)?

Alliteration, Consonance, Onomatopoeia, Repetition, Rhyme, Rhythm

How do you figure? Explain how you got your answer

2. Buzz, goes the blue fly, / Hum, goes the bee,
Buzz and hum they cry, / And so do we:

Circle which poetic devices are being used (pick two or more)?

Alliteration, Consonance, Onomatopoeia, Repetition, Rhyme, Rhythm

How do you figure? Explain how you got your answer

Day 2

READ THE POEM.

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- 1 My sister thinks my name means
"sharer of back seats and secrets."
My mom thinks my name means
"needs a lot of rides to gymnastics" and
5 "loves comic books, like me."
My dad thinks my name means
"weirdly obsessed with that band Imagine Dragons" and
"loves corny jokes, like me."
My cat thinks my name means "always good for a snuggle."
10 My best friend thinks my name means
"tells me the truth no matter what; best giggle in the world."
My art teacher thinks my name means "gifted."
My music teacher thinks my name means
"definitely tries hard."
15 My neighbor thinks my name means
"kid who cuts the grass."
My dentist thinks my name means
"kid who needs to floss."
I think
20 there's some stuff that they left out, like
"dreams of life in a big city" and
"lies awake at night sometimes,
worrying about the whales" and
"having doubts about gymnastics" and
25 "loves nothing more than to close her eyes
and listen to the rain."

Day 3

POETRY ANALYSIS QUESTIONS

In complete sentences, answer these questions about Jennifer Dignan's poem, "What My Name Means."

1. Does the speaker seem to agree with the way other people see her? Explain.

2. Can you relate to this poem and how different people may see you differently? Explain.

Day 4

CREATE YOUR POEM

Acrostic Poem: An acrostic poem is a poem in which the first letter of each word or line spells out a word, message or the alphabet. Type into the space below.

Example:

F- Fun to be around

R- Rare and hard to find

I- Interested in what you have to say

E- Ever near when your sun doesn't shine

N- Nothing is ever too much

D- Distance never too far

S- Standing by your side when your dreams have passed you by