

Read the poem carefully and then complete the tasks below neatly on paper or into a document.

"Wintertime"

By
Robert Louis Stevenson

1. Choose and copy a line from the poem that uses alliteration.
2. What personification does Stevenson use to describe the sun in the first stanza?
3. What effect does this description have in showing you what the sun was like?
4. What does the description "frosty pepper" make you think happens when the very cold wind is breathed in up his nose?
5. What simile does Stevenson use to describe the tree, house, hill and lake in the last stanza?
6. Why is his description more effective than simply saying they were covered in snow?
7. Write your own piece of alliteration to describe each of the following:

Snow

Wind

8. Write your own piece of personification to describe each of the following:

Sun

Lightning

Key terms:

Alliteration- when words close to each other start with the same letter so that sounds are repeated e.g. the gorgeous granny grinned!

Personification- when a human characteristic is given to something that is not living e.g. the gentle wind kissed my face.

