CREATING A METAPHOR

LEVEL THREE PROJECT

A good metaphor points out significant similarities between the objects or ideas being compared.

**Example:** American society is like a melting pot, because, like the varied contents of a melting pot, the people making up American society are very different: they represent many different countries, religions and ethnic groups. Also, like the product of a melting pot, these varied people have melted together, forming a single, uniquely American society.

**Example**: Love is like a rose, because it is “sweet” like a rose, it grows and changes like a rose bud opening up, and it can hurt just as a rose’s thorns can prick one’s fingers.

Requirements for project.

1. Use butcher paper or poster board.
2. **Title**: Metaphors must have a clearly written, large title that reads “The\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is like a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. **Visual Image:** Metaphors must be illustrated either with drawings or cut-out pictures.
4. **Labels:** Metaphors must be labeled so that direct comparisons are made between the MT and the metaphor
5. **Required:** See a list of required concepts/terms for each individual MT. Each MT is different. Each MT also has number requirements for concepts/terms.
6. **Explanation:** Alongside or below the image, students must write the word because followed by a list of important similarities between the thing illustrated and the MT topic.
7. **Differences:** On the back of the poster students must write the two most important ways in which the metaphor is different from the topic.
8. **Extras:** Metaphors must be neat, colorful and creative.
9. **Presentation:** The metaphor must be presented and explained to the class.  
    **Below is a very simple example of what a project might look like: Yours must be much more detailed and meet the above requirements.**

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