

Worksheet 7: Personification analysis, *The Beach They Called Gallipoli*

The author of *The Beach They Called Gallipoli*, Jackie French, uses personification to help describe some of the horrors of the Gallipoli campaign. Analyse examples below and reflect how and why they work to build effective description and persuade the reader to see the war as the author does. Some answers have been provided for quotes 1 and 3 as a guide.

Quote 1: *'War snatched and battered many places.'*

What is personified? (noun – subject) *War*

Which actions are described? (verb) *snatched and battered*

To what is the action being done? (noun – object) *many places*

Are any circumstances provided, for example, when, where, how? (prepositional phrase) —

What human actions or qualities does this make you think of?

War is like a bully or mean person who takes things and hits people.

Quote 2: *'Mortars tore through cold earth and men.'*

What is personified? (noun – subject)

Which actions are described? (verb)

To what is the action being done? (noun – object)

Are any circumstances provided, for example, when, where, how? (prepositional phrase)

What human actions or qualities does this make you think of?

Quote 3: *'Courage and compassion grew in bloodstained dirt.'*

What is personified? (noun – subject) *courage and compassion*

Which actions are described? (verb) *grew*

To what is the action being done? (noun – object)

Are any circumstances provided, for example, when, where, how? (prepositional phrase)

in bloodstained dirt

What human actions or qualities does this make you think of? *Courage and compassion are described like they are plants or weeds that grow as if in someone's garden.*

Quote 4: 'Summer breathed heat on shattered hills.'

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Which actions are described? (verb)

To what is the action being done? (noun – object)

Are any circumstances provided, for example, when, where, how? (prepositional phrase)

What human actions or qualities does this make you think of?

Quote 5: 'The night wind kissed a chill goodnight as rowers reached the ships.'

What is personified? (noun – subject)

Which actions are described? (verb)

To what is the action being done? (noun – object)

Are any circumstances provided, for example, when, where, how? (prepositional phrase)

What human actions or qualities does this make you think of?

Quote 6: 'Waves slipped silent tongues among artillery casings.'

What is personified? (noun – subject)

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Quote 7: *'Bramble and thorn bush clutched the broken earth.'*

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