Introduction to Poetry

After each passage write the poetry term that it best illustrates. Explain your choice.

allusion

metaphor

parallelism

personification

simile

repetition

1. “For a sun and shield is the Lord God” (Psalm 84:12).
2. “Kings on earth rise up / and princes plot together / against the Lord and against his anointed one” (Psalm 2:2).
3. “Let the rivers clap their hands” (Psalm 98:8).
4. “But not so are the wicked! / They are like chaff driven by wind” (Psalm 1:4).
5. “Because the Lord knows the way of the just, / but the way of the wicked leads to ruin” (Psalm 1:6).
6. “I am like a worn-out tool” (Psalm 31:13).
7. “Your right hand upholds me” (Psalm 63:9).
8. “As mountains surround Jerusalem, / the Lord surrounds his people” (Psalm 125:2)**.**
9. “The sea enveloped their [Israelites’] enemies” (Psalm 78:53)**.**
10. “For the Lord is the great God, / the great king over all gods.” (Psalm 95:3)
11. Locate in the Psalms at least one example of each characteristic of poetry below and record it here.

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