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Ernest Hemingway - Answer Key

Use the text to answer each question below.

1. **“Hills Like White Elephants”* is one of Hemingway’s most well-known short stories. While it’s filled with the short, direct sentences which **define** much of Hemingway’s writing, the dialogue itself is anything but direct. Instead, the two characters allude to an upcoming **ordeal** without actually naming it or revealing their true feelings. The following excerpt is from the story’s beginning.*

The title of this story is an example of { }.

A. metaphor

B. irony



C.

simile

The title of this story compares the hills in the scenery to white elephants, using the word “like” to connect the two.

D. allusion

2. *The following vignette, set during the Greco-Turkish war, appears in Hemingway’s book-length work *In Our Time*.* Hemingway had covered the war in his work as a **reporter**.*

What stylistic element does Hemingway notably use in this chapter?



A.

Sentence fragments

Sentences like “No end and no beginning,” “Just carts loaded with everything they owned,” and “Scared sick looking at it” are fragments, which Hemingway uses to convey the urgency and horror of the evacuation.

B. Figurative language

C. Foreshadowing

D. Dramatic irony

3. *Although he was unable to **enlist** in the army due to his poor eyesight, Hemingway served as a Red Cross ambulance driver during World War I. His wartime experiences inspired much of his work, including his short story “In Another Country.” The story takes place in an Italian hospital, where the narrator is **recovering** after having been seriously **wounded**. Despite the doctor’s optimistic attitude, it can be inferred that the narrator’s injury will cause **chronic** issues.*

The speaker's attitude toward the machine can best be described as {}.

- A. trusting
B. optimistic
C. doubtful
D. decisive

In this excerpt, the speaker refers to sitting in “the machines that were to make so much difference.” He later continues, “The machine was to bend the knee and make it move as in riding a tricycle. But it did not bend yet, and instead the machine lurched when it came to the bending part.”