***Analysis of Language 5***

**Figurative Language**

**Metaphor**

Work with a partner to think about how the writer uses the metaphor (and a simile!) in the excerpt below and then answer the questions that follow.

"Christmas Eve was a night of song that wrapped itself about you like a shawl. But it warmed more than your body. It warmed your heart...filled it, too, with a melody that would last forever."

–Bess Streeter Aldrich, *Song of Years*

1. Hi-light and label the metaphor (and the simile) you see in the sentence.

2) Which words and phrases help the reader understand the author’s perception of how comforting Christmas Eve is?

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3) What does the author want us to understand about Christmas Eve?

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4) Use the format of the sentence and just change some of the words to create your own beautiful sentence. (Enjoy sharing with a classmate!)

"Christmas Eve was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ itself about you like a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. But it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ more than your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your heart...filled it, too, with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that would last forever."