

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?

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

- 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."