

Literary Devices in Video Game Heroes

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Video game heroes Theme

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▣ READ — READ THIS PASSAGE CAREFULLY. YOU MAY READ IT TWICE.

Video game heroes use special storytelling tricks called literary devices to become memorable characters. Metaphor helps describe these heroes by comparing them to powerful forces. For example, a hero might be described as "a shield protecting the kingdom" to show their strength and importance. Symbolism also plays a big role in video games. A sword often represents courage, while a dark cave symbolizes danger and mystery. Writers use personification to give human qualities to non-human things. In games, a glowing shield might "whisper warnings" to the player, making it feel alive and magical. Alliteration appears in character names like "Shadow Striker" or "Crystal Crusader," making them sound cool and exciting. These literary devices work together to create heroes that players love and remember. Understanding these techniques helps readers appreciate how writers build amazing stories both in books and video games.

▣ Tip: Read the passage twice before turning to the questions on the next page.

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Questions

⇒ **ANSWER** USE THE PASSAGE ON PAGE 1 TO HELP FIND YOUR ANSWERS.

MAIN IDEA

1. What is this passage mostly about?

TEXT EVIDENCE

2. What example does the author give to show how metaphor describes a hero?

VOCABULARY

3. What does the word 'symbolism' mean in the passage?

INFERENCE

4. Why might video game creators use alliteration in character names?

CAUSE AND EFFECT

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TEACHER / PARENT USE ONLY — Suggested answers shown below each question

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The passage explains how literary devices like metaphor, symbolism, personification, and alliteration are used to create memorable video game heroes.

TEXT EVIDENCE

2. What example does the author give to show how metaphor describes a hero?

The author states that a hero might be described as "a shield protecting the kingdom" to show their strength and importance.

VOCABULARY

3. What does the word 'symbolism' mean in the passage?

Symbolism means using objects or things to represent bigger ideas or qualities, like a sword representing courage.

INFERENCE

4. Why might video game creators use alliteration in character names?

Creators use alliteration because it makes character names sound more exciting and helps players remember them more easily.

CAUSE AND EFFECT

5. What happens because writers use personification in video games?

When writers use personification, non-human objects like shields feel alive and magical, making the game more engaging for players.

TEXT EVIDENCE

6. Name two examples of alliteration character names from the passage.

The passage provides "Shadow Striker" and "Crystal Crusader" as examples of character names that use alliteration.