Close Read Directions and Thinking Worksheet

1. In today’s passage, identify any unknown words or phrases. Look them up and write your explanation of them in the space below:
2. Look for words or phrases that are meant to be taken figuratively, rather than literally:

Write your interpretation of these words in the space below:

1. Do you see any examples of figurative language? Metaphors, similes, hyperbole, imagery, etc. List at least 4 of these below, along with the passage excerpt and a brief explanation of your interpretation.
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4. Choose 2 of the figurative language elements and think about why the author chose to use these in his or her writing. How does it impact the writing?
5. Scan the selection again, and pick out at least 2 words that could be substituted for another word. Think about why the author chose these particular words. Would another word in its place have had the same effect? Why? Write a COMPLETE response to this question, supporting your answer with details from the passage. It is okay to refer to relative things not in the passage.