

N2K Week 9 Lesson 4

Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

The first heavy frost came at the end of November. The leaves of the big hickory at the north end of the clearing turned as yellow as butter. The sweet gums were yellow and red, and the black-jack thicket across the road from the house flamed with a red as bright as a campfire. The grapevines were golden, and the sumac was like oak embers. The October blooming of dog-fennel and sea-myrtle had turned to a feathery fluff. The days came in, cool and crisp, warmed to a pleasant slowness, and chilled again. The Baxters sat in the evening in the front room before the first hearthfire.

Ma Baxter said, "Don't seem possible fire-time's here agin."

1. The author's description of nature in terms of colors – "yellow as butter," "red as bright as a campfire," and "like oak embers" – is accomplished through
 - A. understatement, or litotes, saying less than is meant
 - B. symbolism, making a concrete object stand for an abstract idea
 - C. simile, direct figurative comparison
 - D. onomatopoeia, using words that imitate sounds
2. The phrase "the sweet gums were yellow and red" is an example of
 - A. comparison and contrast
 - B. figurative language
 - C. literal language
 - D. personification