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Directions: Read the literary text below then analyze it by answering the questions that follows.

Five (5) famous Japanese Haiku masters

MATSUO BASHO (1644-1694)

Lightning-gleam:

into darkness travels

a night-heron's scream.

Questions:

What do you think each haiku suggest?

What are the literary devices present in the haikus?

TANIGUCHI BUSON (1715-1783)

That axe that I hear

off in the woods, far-away –

and in this wood-pecker, near.

MEISETSU (1847-1926)

A river leaping

tumbling over rocks roars on

as the mountain smiles.

ISSA (1763-1828)

If things were better

for me, flies, I'd invite you

to share my supper.

KOYO (1869-1903)

O moon, why must you

inspire my neighbor to chirp

all night on a flute!

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