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INSTRUCTIONS: Visit your school library to find two books for each genre below. Write whether the books are fiction or nonfiction. Then record the title in the final column.

Literary Genre	Fiction/Nonfiction	Titles
Biography	1.	
	2.	
Mystery	1.	
	2.	
Fantasy	1.	
	2.	
History	1.	
	2.	
Humor	1.	
	2.	
Poetry	1.	
	2.	
Science Fiction	1.	
	2.	

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INSTRUCTIONS: Find the similes in *The Great Gallardo's Books* and write them in the blanks. Below each sentence, write what two things are being compared. Finally, write a simile of your own to describe something or someone in the book.

1. His balance shifted, _____. (p. 9)

Comparison: _____

2. The air seeping into his nostrils smelled artificial _____. (p. 15)

Comparison: _____

3. _____ as light as a feather. (p. 17)

Comparison: _____

4. _____

like a helium balloon that had been cut free. (p. 18)

Comparison: _____

5. Bulging, laser-like eyes glowed from the fleshy face of a creature almost as

_____. (p. 19)

Comparison: _____

6. _____, like pouring syrup on pancakes. (p. 21)

Comparison: _____

7. My simile:

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INSTRUCTIONS: Write a synonym for each underlined word. Use a thesaurus or dictionary as needed.

1. He dragged himself to the back room and plopped down on a box.

2. Miguel found dusty boxes stacked to the ceiling, old magazines and newspapers littered on the ground, and a sagging, purple couch.

3. Old posters plastered the walls—posters that even in their faded condition, screamed with color and interesting designs.

4. Tiny pictures carved in wood seemed to dance across the lid—ships sailed, horses trotted, and stars twinkled.

5. The golden letter G still beamed through its dullness.

6. Who would keep old books in such a cool trunk?

7. A strong wind that blew against his cheeks brought with it the smell of sweet sagebrush—and stinky cow manure.

8. Miguel couldn't wait to find more adventures in the glittery black chest in the loft.
