

## Metaphor Analysis Worksheet

**Instructions:** To prepare to write your analysis paper, complete this worksheet. This will help you identify key components of the analysis and eventually organize it into an essay.

**Artifact title/description:**

**Artifact creator/author:**

**Artifact audience:**

**Artifact's purpose:**

**Metaphor\*:**

- **Tenor:**

- **Vehicle:**

**Grounds:** How are the tenor and vehicle similar?

**Tension:** How are the tenor and vehicle different?

*\*If you have multiple metaphors, be sure to add the tenor, vehicle, grounds and tension for each one that you'll include in the analysis.*

**ANALYSIS:** Do you best to answer as many of these questions as possible. It's okay if you can't answer all of them (some of them may not work for your artifact and its context).

**A. Criteria—**

- a. Does this metaphor match the commonly accepted criteria for metaphor?  
How do you know? Are there issues with the tenor/vehicle?  
Grounds/tension? How do you know?

**B. Analysis—**

- a. What specific elements of the metaphor are you evaluating? How effective are those elements (tenor/vehicle) in
  - i. (1) making the familiar feel new, or
  - ii. (2) making a new thing feel familiar?

**C. Performance—**

- a. Did this metaphor perform the way the author/creator (probably) intended?  
How do you know? Did it fit their purpose (or argument)? How do you know?

**D. Approach—**

- a. How did the author/creator's use of metaphor affect the metaphor's performance? If they had taken a different approach, could it have been better? How?