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Extended Metaphor in Roll of Thunder

Papa looked down at me and brought me closer, then waved his hand toward the drive. "You see that fig tree over yonder, Cassie? Them other trees all around . . . that oak and walnut, they're a lot bigger and they take up more room and give so much shade they almost overshadow that little ole fig. but that fig tree's got roots that run⁽¹⁾ deep, and it belongs in that yard as much as that oak and walnut. It keeps on blooming, bearing⁽²⁾ good fruit year after year, knowing all the time⁽³⁾ it'll never get as big as them other trees. Just keeps on growing and doing what it gotta do. It don't give up⁽⁴⁾. It give up, it'll die. There's a lesson to be learned from that little tree, Cassie girl, 'cause we're like it. We keep doing what we gotta, and we don't give up. We can't" (pg. 205-6)

Directions Part I - In this part of the book, Papa, Cassie and Stacey are on the front porch looking out at the trees in the yard. Draw a picture of what you envision them looking at - how do you picture the trees and the yard based on Papa's description? Don't forget to write a caption describing what you've drawn.

Caption: _____

In this passage, Papa is sharing an extended metaphor with Cassie - a metaphor is where two things are compared not using the words like, as or than. What makes it an extended metaphor is the comparison Papa makes is not just one sentence, but makes several comparisons between the same things.

Part II - Symbolism - a symbol is person, place, or object that represents something beyond itself. In this passage, Papa talks about the fig tree, the oak tree and the walnut trees. Below, write what you think each tree *could* represent or symbolize (claim) and then explain what evidence you have from the book that supports or proves your claim. Your evidence doesn't have to come from the passage - it can come from any part of the book. Start with the fig tree, which Papa says symbolizes the Logan family and then move onto writing about the other trees.

Fig Tree Symbolizes _____

Evidence (what makes you say so - what about the fig tree it like the Logan family and their situation in the book right now?) _____

Walnut Tree Symbolizes _____

Evidence (what makes you say so - what about the walnut tree it like something in the book that tries to take resources from the Logan family or overshadows them somehow?)

Oak Tree Symbolizes _____

Evidence (what makes you say so - what about the oak tree it like something in the book that tries to take resources from the Logan family or overshadows them somehow?)

Part III - In the passage on the front, there are 4 underlined portions. Each of them is an example of some type of figurative language. Identify what type of figurative language each underline portion is and write it below.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____