

Alliteration and Assonance

Literature Writing Assignment

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- ▶ One of the literary devices popular in the many forms of poetry is **alliteration**.
 - ▶ **Alliteration** – the repetition of the same sound or letter at the beginning of each or most of the words in a sentence.
 - ▶ The easiest way to use **alliteration** would be to repeat the starting letter of the words.
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- ▶ Another literary device popular in the many forms of poetry is **assonance**.
 - ▶ **Assonance** – the repetition of the vowel sounds in stressed syllables containing dissimilar consonant sounds.



Example

- ▶ This tale is true, and mine. It tells /
- ▶ How the sea took mee, swept mee back
- ▶ And forth in sorrow and fear and pain,
- ▶ Showed me suffering in a hundred ships,



Assignment – Part One

1. Select a favorite or popular song.
 2. Your choice must be free of vulgar words or inappropriate / graphic details.
 3. Write the title of the song, singer/band name and at least 10 or more lines from the lyrics on a sheet of paper.
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Assignment – Part Two

1. Identify several examples of alliteration and assonance found in the lyrics, and highlight or underline the words which exemplify this element. Use a different color for each device.

2. Answer the following questions
 - a. What is the purpose of alliteration and assonance in lyrics?
 - b. How does alliteration and assonance contribute to the theme of this song?



Example

Part One and Two

“Piano Man” By: Billy Joel

He says, "Son can you play me a memory
I'm not really sure how it goes
But it's sad and it's sweet
And I knew it complete
When I wore a younger man's clothes."

Sing us a song you're the piano man
Sing us a song tonight
Well we're all in the mood for a melody
And you've got us feeling alright

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Assignment – Part Three

- ▶ Write an original poem about ‘school’ or a topic of your own. Include several examples of alliteration and assonance. The poem must be at least **10** lines long. Include the title and your name. Be creative.
- ▶ Example:

“Ble Bird” By: Anonymous 😊

Somewhere in the beautiful sky the ble bird flies

Free to soar, free to explore, free to live

Somewhere in the sky the ble bird flies

Seeking adventure, searching for freedom

Fly ble bird fly in the distant sky

