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Sample – Stylistic Prose Devices (GoW)

Technique/Term(s): Simile - a comparison of two things using “like,” or “as.”

Example with Page Number: “It was a long head, bony, tight of skin, and set on a neck as stringy and muscular as a celery stalk” (25).

Analysis of Effect: By beginning the sentence with three concrete descriptions “long head, bony, tight of skin” Steinbeck creates a tremendously detailed, almost scientific study of Jim Casy’s appearance. This may be because of Steinbeck’s background in science. The simile that follows, “as stringy and muscular as a celery stalk”, makes the comparison clear to the reader. We can imagine how the muscles in Jim Casy’s long, thin, and strong neck look. His appearance is striking and the emphasis for the description is on his head. Casy seems to be a thinker; he is a character who is always trying to figure people and situations out.

THIS IS A SAMPLE OF ONE DEVICE – YOU

WILL HAVE A MINIMUM OF FIVE FOR EACH

SECTION OF THE BOOK.