

## Sounds Of Freedom Answer Key

1. **Simile:** "Voices rose like a mighty river" - Compares people's voices to a river to show their power and unity.
2. **Metaphor:** "Freedom was... a flame burning bright" - Compares freedom to a flame, symbolizing hope and energy.
3. **Personification:** "The morning sun stretched its golden arms" - Gives the sun human traits to show a welcoming, warm new day.
4. Students should select a meaningful line (e.g., "Hope stood tall, unbroken") and explain its emotional power.

### Teacher's Guide:

- **Differentiation Tips:**
  - Grades 6-7: Provide a mini-lesson reviewing definitions of simile, metaphor, and personification before reading.
  - Grades 8-9: Challenge students to create an original figurative sentence about freedom or unity.
  - For visual learners, highlight each type in a different color (blue = simile, red = metaphor, green = personification).
- **Engagement Ideas:**
  - Read the passage aloud dramatically, emphasizing figurative phrases.
  - Invite students to perform a "Freedom Language Hunt" by writing their favorite lines on paper strips to post around the classroom.
  - Play gentle background music as students reread and identify imagery to evoke emotion.
- **Extension Activities:**
  - Write a short free verse poem using all three types of figurative language to describe a celebration or moment of hope.
  - Create a "Figurative Freedom Wall" where students display original examples inspired by Juneteenth themes.
  - Discuss how figurative language helps readers *feel* history rather than just learn facts.