

**LESSON NOTES****School: Ba Sangam College****Year/Level: 9****Name: _____****Subject: English****Worksheet 22****Year: _____**

Strand	Reading and viewing
Sub Strand	Socio-Cultural context and situation
Content Learning Outcome	Examine and explain socio- cultural values of the prescribed texts and relate it to their society.

NOVEL: Title: The Silent One**Author: Joy Cowley****Author's Writing Styles****Method of Narration**

- The story is told from the Eye of God (the story comes from an unidentified voice who claims to be all-knowing, all present and has a direct access to explore even the minds and dreams of the characters).

Diction

- Descriptive Words – ‘The orange light of the torches spread the chief’s shadow across the far wall and ceiling and made his presence a fearful thing.’ (Chpt 9 pg 69)
- Interesting dialogues – ‘You’re a fool! she said. Your voice make the noise of a broken drum’.

Figures of Speech

- **Simile** – ‘He saw the turtle beneath him, still going down like a sinking moon.’ ‘... its shell like a mirror reflecting the sun’.
Simile is used a lot in the novel to enable readers to vividly imagine the comparisons made using as or like.
- **Personification** – ‘**When the sun caught the ripples**, they flashed and sparkled so that the shell looked like a great white torch dropping fire into the water.’ ‘The boat creaked slowly over the calm grey water’. (pg 89)
- **Onomatopoeia** – ‘Boom-boom-ba. The village drum was answering’.
- The use of onomatopoeia enables readers to vividly imagine what is unfolding in the story. The sound of the drum above symbolizes the beginning of festivities at the end of

the pig hunt.

- **Metaphor** – ‘Go back to the water, you fish of the cold blood. See if I care what becomes of you’. (Luisa insults Jonasi as a fish of cold blood because she is angry with him for not bringing fish.) ‘You stupid old bag of bones’.
- Metaphors help readers compare and imagine certain characters and incidents in the novel. Old Luisa is compared by Bulai’s wife as a stupid old bag of bones because of her age as well as her belief.

Activity

(3 marks)

1. What method of narration is used in the novel?

2. Give an example of a simile used in the novel.

3. Give an example of a metaphor used in the novel.
