Poetry Elements Pre-Test

Match the literary terms below with their definitions.

1. Personification ________   A.  a comparison between non-human and human
2. Alliteration ________    B. a comparison between two things that does not use the words “like” or “as”
3. Metaphor ________    C. a comparison between things using “like” or “as”
4. Simile ________    D. a repetition of a consonant sound at the beginning of two or more words
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5. Onomatopoeia ________   E. An exaggeration to make a point
6. Hyperbole ________    F. the repetition of the ending sounds of words
7. Rhyme ________    G. vivid description of things seen, heard, smelled, touched, or tasted
8. Imagery _________     H. a word that sounds like what it means

Match the literary terms to the examples.

9. Rhyme ________  A. “Warm winds whipped through the willows”
10. Alliteration ________    B. “His heart pounded – a drum in his chest.”
11. Hyperbole ________    C. “Nature’s first green is gold, Her hardest hue to hold.”
12. Metaphor ________    D. “My mom will murder me if I use all of her cell phone minutes again!”
Read this poem. Then, underline examples of three different poetry elements (rhyme, alliteration, onomatopoeia, simile, metaphor, personification, hyperbole, imagery) and label them in the space next to the poem.

“The Tree” by Eben Court

In spring
your leaves start to come back
and the forest grows with color.
In summer
your leaves turn a brilliant shade of green
and your branches reach for the sky.
In fall
your leaves turn beautiful
shades of orange and red,
filling the air with color.
And then they begin to fall
slowly downwards,
making ground crunch beneath my feet.
In winter
all your leaves are gone.
Just skeletons live in this age.
The seasons-
they are different to a tree,
but all of them are beautiful.

Are there any others (rhyme, alliteration, onomatopoeia, metaphor, personification, hyperbole, imagery) that were not underlined? Circle them and write the element of poetry you found.