Poetry review alternate assignment

Using the following terms identify the number of terms indicated that are being used in the following lines of poetry. Then explain why each is an example of that term. This must be done in full sentences, using the line of poetry and the definition of the poetic device to explain and support your answer, just like on the original sheet assigned.

1. When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds. –personification, pun
2. The moon hung like a light bulb in the sky. –hyperbole, simile, conceit
3. Why are you dancing around the subject? -hyperbole, pun, metaphor
4. Mike's mean mother meant well. –alliteration, cliché
5. Your homework will rise up and bite you if you put it off. –metaphor, hyperbole, personification
6. Students are sailors on a journey; teachers are their captains, and hard work is their northern star. –alliteration, metaphor (x 3), allusion
7. You can't fight city hall. -Cliché, personification
8. The doctor's office closed down due to illness.- irony
9. I've told you a billion times to clean this room! -hyperbole
10. Backwards this is. –inverted syntax
11. Oh, Summer Holidays! When will you come? -allusion
12. What's the matter? Cat got your tongue? Cliché, metaphor
13. What a sad clown. –oxymoron, irony
14. The dog laughed and giggled as he danced. -personification
15. The swing was heard from a mile away. –hyperbole, pun
16. I just love the green, green grass of home. –alliteration, assonance, consonance
17. He is the next Michael Jordan. –allusion, metaphor
18. The pot of gold at the end of the rainbow can never be reached. Irony, metaphor
19. The parade was like a party. simile
20. Prepare to meet your maker. –cliché, pun

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| Little Big Man    [1] I got eyes, Jack, that can see  an ant moving along the horizon can pull four bottles shattering down from the sky and recognize the eyes of a blind man (5)  [2] who told me once, *The future is yours* and I believed him until he left me without a campfire, without an axe to chop down a tree and build myself a chair, house, cold drink. (10)  [3] Jack, how much pain is there in the world? I think there's only one kind and we all keep moving around it in circles like clumsy pioneers, over the same ground until the landscape becomes so familiar (15) we settle down and call it home.  [4] Seems like everybody wants to be an Indian. Why should you be any different, Jack? Still, when you rub the red dirt off your pale nose your little insanities vanish. (20) Listen: the proof is glass. When an Indian looks through a window it's like a mirror. When the Indian looks into a mirror, it's like a window.  [5] I know you have dreams, Jack. We all want (25) an acre of land, love, and a full stomach. Without that, we couldn't listen to the wind without anger. But I've been sitting in a cold room watching stars through a hole in the roof. That bright star to the north doesn't have a name (30) I know. Like everything else, it will break my heart.  *Copyright ©1992 Sherman Alexie* | Identify the following poetic devices in the lines given. You must explain your answer in full sentences, using the line and the definition of the poetic term to support your answer.  Title- Allusion  Line 1- Allusion  Line 1-2- Hyperbole  Line 5- oxymoron  Line 6- cliché  Line 7-10- metaphor  Line 14- allusion  Line 17-irony  Line 19-20- metaphor  Line 21- metaphor  Line 22-24- irony, simile  Line 26- hyperbole  Line 27-personification  Line 30-allusion  Line 31- metaphor  Questions-   1. What do you think this poem is talking about? Why? Explain your answer with a reason, example and explanation. 2. What do you think is meant by lines 22-24? Explain your answer using a reason, example and explanation. 3. What do you think the theme of this poem is? Explain your answer using a reason, example and explanation. |