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Why do leaves turn color in the fall? This scientific question was answered with poetry, emotion, and facts by Diane Ackerman. The techniques the author used to convey her message to her audience were figurative language, scientific information, and word choice.

message?

Ackerman brilliantly incorporates figurative language into the passage. She uses the juxtaposition, "barbed wire on a string of stars," for the audience to visualize the beauty of the fall season. While explaining the loss of chlorophyll, she states, (Ackerman)

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"chlorophyll's shocking green hid them from view." As she explains, she adds character to objects like chlorophyll. It is portrayed to be the evil villain of summer, hiding the most vivid and precious colors. When describing the children playing in the leaves, she says, "leaves have always hidden our awkward secrets." The author portrays that fall is beautiful and uses so much personification

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that fall becomes a real person to the audience.

examples?

The scientific information the author uses, helps the reader understand the process of leaves changing color and the cycle of seasons. Ackerman devotes two paragraphs to listing trees and the colors they change into. She states,

"There is no adaptive reason for leaves to color so beautifully in the fall any more than there is for the sky or ocean to be blue. Even when factually stating that leaves have no purpose to change color, she adds her own opinion. The author

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also explains how chlorophyll ~~leaves~~ in the summer.

\* Chlorophyll dissolves in the heat and light.

The author delivers facts to explain a process for the reader to understand why leaves change color in the fall.

Is this a necessary line?

The word choice the author uses is the most useful when trying to understand the purpose of this passage. when speaking about the summer, chlorophyll is the villain who is hiding the colors. when describing the winter

she states, "soon the leaves will start cringing on the leaves, and roll up in clenched fists." <sup>source</sup> the

words such as "cringing" and "clenched" fists have negative connotations. Ackerman uses negative connotation to describe the emergence of winter.

The purpose of this passage is clear through her line, "colored like living things, they signal death and ~~disintegration~~ <sup>disintegrate</sup>." The author uses

fall to symbolize the message that the most vibrant and alive things perish the most quickly.

this needs to come through in the whole essay!

Ackerman uses figurative language, scientific information, and word choice to express her feelings <sup>of</sup> ~~about~~ gratitude. A reader's first impression may be

that the purpose of this passage is to describe why leaves change color. After reading the story, I understand that the whole process of changing

color was to explain her feelings, not to primarily inform. All the wonderful things that come along our way, suddenly come then vanish.

Why do you think?

Her message is that we don't appreciate the time we have with someone or something. She describes fall as something beautiful and magical.

Nice paragraph!

If something as beautiful as fall comes to us, we need to treasure every moment with it.