



Activity One Worksheet II

Student Name _____ Date _____

The following lines appear in Toi Derricotte’s 1989 poem, [The Weakness](#). Read the poem in its entirety, and then answer the questions that follow about the simile contained in these lines.

*Through clenched teeth, her eyes
Bright as a dog’s
Cornered in the light.*

What is this simile referring to within the context of the poem?

How is this description different from saying that her eyes shined?

How is this description different from saying that the persona’s grandmother had a dog’s shining eyes?

What makes this an effective simile and why?
