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ONE OF THE LITERARY DEVICES POPULAR IN THE ANGLO-SAXON OLD ENGLISH POETRY TRADITION IS THE KENNING. READ THE DEFINITION BELOW AND READY YOURSELF TO TAKE A STAB AT THIS DELIGHTFULLY METAPHORICAL WAY OF SPEAKING, WRITING, AND THINKING.

KENNING - A LITERARY DEVICE IN WHICH A NOUN IS RENAMED IN A CREATIVE WAY USING A COMPOUND WORD OR UNION OF TWO SEPARATE WORDS TO COMBINE IDEAS

*IF YOU CALL "SCHOOL" A "SCHOLAR'S HOME" THEN YOU HAVE CREATED A KENNING.

*IF YOU TELL YOUR FRIENDS THAT YOUR PARENTS ARE THE "CAR LOANERS" THEN YOU HAVE CREATED A KENNING.

*THE FOLKS AT COCA-COLA MIGHT AGREE THAT A COLD COKE IS "HUMANITY'S BEVERAGE."

ASSIGNMENT: CONSIDER CAREFULLY HOW YOU COULD CREATIVELY RENAME EACH OF THE FOLLOWING THROUGH THE USE OF THE KENNING TECHNIQUE.

1. A TEACHER

6. POLICE

2. BUS DRIVER

7. POP TARTS

3. FIREMEN

8. MUSIC

4. TELEVISION

9. LOVE

5. HAMBURGER

10. COMPUTER
