**“What’s *Love* Got to Do With It?”**

Figurative Language Competition

**Song List:**

* “Love and War” by Tamar Braxton (R&B/Hip-Hop)
* “Mean” by Taylor Swift (Country)
* “Stay” by Rihanna (Pop)
* “Thinking About You” by Frank Ocean (R&B/Hip-Hop)

**Reader’s Tasks:**

1. Read each set of lyrics carefully AND Identify different figurative/rhetorical devices (e.g., simile, metaphor, personification, repetition, etc.) used within the song.
2. Make a chart like the one shown below to display the figurative devices.

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| **Figurative device** | **Quote** | **Effect** |
| Simile | “She is like a rose” | The author is comparing the woman to a rose, which is a universal symbol of love. As a universal symbol of love, the author suggests that the woman about whom he’s speaking is the most beautiful of all the women around. There’s nothing that can compare to this woman. |
| Hyperbole | “I’d catch a grenade for you.” |  |

1. Write a paragraph explaining the author’s attitude towards love. Be sure to use specific evidence from the text (the song) to support your ideas. For example, don’t just say, “The author seems very bitter and critical of love.” Instead, say, “