

## **BLM 5 – *Extended Metaphor Assignment***

Metaphors can be seen in all areas of your life around you. An extended metaphor is a difficult concept to grasp, and even more difficult to write about but it is essential for understanding (and creating) higher level writing.

### **Instructions**

Write a paragraph comparing life to a concrete topic. You must explain individual elements of your metaphor. Don't just write: "Hiking and life both require that you sweat in order to make uphill progress." In hiking you literally sweat. In life you have to explain how you "sweat" (e.g., spend hours studying for a test, or practicing a skill, or creating a piece of art, or tracking an animal when hunting).

### **Example**

Our class connections between life and our hike

### **Ideas to get you started:**

- Life is a volleyball/basketball/lacrosse game...
- Life is a painting/sculpture/dance...
- Life is a forest...
- Life is a \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Checklist:**

- Is your chosen metaphor something that is important to you?
- Did you fill out the graphic organizer to arrange your ideas?
- Do you have a clear introductory and concluding sentence?
- Have you included transition words?
- Have you included 4 clear connections between life and your metaphor?