My life is like a river

Sometimes flowing lightly and gently

Moving along with ease

My life is like a river

Sometimes rough and rapid

Longing for some release

Trying to calm the storm

Waiting for the sun to shine overhead

Looking for the rainbow in the sky

My life is like a river

I like the gentle bends

I like the smooth waters

They bring me peace and joy

I do not like the rocks and currents

They are struggles in my life

I enjoy the nice peaceful waters

My life is like a river

Having ups and downs

Twists and turns

Trying to smooth them out
This is an example of extended metaphor. What is the extended metaphor in this poem?

Give two examples of alliteration. Write the examples and identify which lines they can be found.

Identify two examples of how the author uses imagery to describe moments in his/her life.

Identify one example of personification.

**Assignment:**

*Write an extended metaphor poem about your life. It must include (for a total of 28 points):*

- **□ Heading**...1 pt.
- **□ Title**...2 pt.
- **□ Format** – follows the format of an extended metaphor. Makes reasonable and obvious sense to the reader and stays true to the theme of the poem...6 pts.
- **□ Two examples of alliteration** (identify and label)...4 pts.
- **□ Two examples of imagery** (identify and label)...6 pts.
- **□ An example of personification** (identify and label)...3 pts.
- **□ Must be free of spelling errors**...3 pts.
- **□ Punctuation should be used as needed**...3 pts.