Sound Devices in Speeches and Poetry

A. Each of the following sound devices matches one of the definitions from your sound devices in speeches and poetry page. Write out the matching sound device in the correct space with its definition.

1. “of the people, by the people, for the people” (from Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address)
   Sound device ____________________________________________
   Definition ____________________________________________

2. Around the rugged rock the ragged rascal ran.
   Sound device ____________________________________________
   Definition ____________________________________________

3. “Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,
    Humpty Dumpty had a great fall;”
   Sound device ____________________________________________
   Definition ____________________________________________

4. sweet and short
   Sound device ____________________________________________
   Definition ____________________________________________

5. It beats as it sweeps as it cleans.
   Sound device ____________________________________________
   Definition ____________________________________________

B. Identification: Identify examples of the five different Sound Devices in each of the following phrases. Underline the Sound Device and label it. Some phrases have more than one Sound Device—try to find them all!

1. My favorite weekend activities are going to the mall, going to the movies, and going to bed late!
2. “As of someone gently rapping, rapping at my chamber door”
(from E.A. Poe’s poem The Raven)

3. I must confess that in my quest I felt depressed and restless.

4. “Whose woods these are I think I know.
   His house is in the village though.”
   (from Robert Frost’s poem Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening)

5. Mrs. Petrusch’s perfect pupils prefer poetry to protractors.

D. Searching for Sound Devices in Speeches:

Read each of the attached speeches. Identify as many Sound Devices (alliteration, parallelism, consonance, assonance, repetition) as you can find. **Underline and label** each device as you find it.