



Poetry Questions

Form - rhyme:

- Do you hear any repeating patterns in this poem?
- Can you predict what word the poet might have used here?

Form - rhythm:

- Can you hear any patterns in this poem when we clap the rhythm?
- Can you predict the rhythm of the last line if I clap the first three lines?

Figurative language:

- Describe/draw the pictures that the poem creates in your mind
- Find examples of simile/metaphor
- Find examples of alliteration/personification
- Describe the effect

Language - word play:

- Do you notice anything special or unusual about the words the poet has used?
- Are there any words that could mean two things?

Language - vocabulary:

- Are there any words or phrases that you particularly like?
- What do you feel when you read this poem? Sad? Angry?
- Are there any words or phrases that stick in your mind?
- Has the poet used any words that we no longer use?
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Purpose

- Is there a message in the poem?
- Why do you like/dislike it?
- Why do you think the poet wrote about this subject?
- Is it true?
- From the title did you expect the poem to be the way it was?
- Has the poem changed the way you think about this subject?
- Does this poet write about the same things each time?
- Do this poet's poems sound like each other?
- Do you agree with the poet's ideas and point of view?
- Are poems better when they rhyme or don't rhyme?

