

Poetry

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Tips How to Read Poetry

- ▶ Read straight through to get a general sense of the poem.
- ▶ Try to understand the poem's meaning and organization,

focus on these elements:

Title

Speaker

Meanings of all words

Poem's setting and situation

Poem's subject and theme

Read the poem aloud, sounding each word clearly.

Prepare a paraphrase of the poem, and make an explication of the ideas and themes.

Haiku Poem

- ▶ Haikus are probably the shortest poetic forms in the world.
- ▶ Haiku provides a tiny lens to glimpse at the miracle and mystery of life.
- ▶ A Haiku is a Japanese poem with three lines.

▶ *Each line of* 5
a haiku has a certain 7
number of syllables. 5

Focus sharply on detail of nature or everyday life.
Divided into two parts.

Example

God fulfils my needs
while I will be pulling weeds
with His food He feeds

By Jim Horn

Grey sky on rye bread
Seasoned to taste, rain or snow
~ Bites when the wind blows

By Gershon Wolf

- ▶ Very Short .
- ▶ Descriptive .
- ▶ Personal .
- ▶ Divided into two parts.

More Examples:

Cheese is good for heart
But sometimes it makes me fart
Will eat it anyway

The leaves fell slowly
To the unforgiving ground.
Too soon-summer's gone!

Now, write a Haiku poem of your own in your book!!!
Remember the 5-7-5 syllables rule!
Top Tip: Use clapping to help you count syllables

Theme: Food, Work, Home, Punishment (Oliver Twist)

Acrostic Poem

- ▶ An Acrostic poem differs from other poetry because the first letter of each line spells a word which can be read vertically.
- ▶ The rhyme scheme and number of lines may vary in acrostic poems.
- ▶ Occasionally ,poets and other people use their names in an acrostic poem.

Example: Winter

Whistling, howling, whirling winds

In winter form icy crystals.

Now a blanket of cold shrouds the earth.

Trembling branches break,

Eerie sounds echo through the woods

Replied to the wind's fury.

Yvonne Allen

Sonnets

- ▶ A sonnet is a poem of fourteen lines.
- ▶ It begins with three quatrains and ends with one couplet.
- ▶ A quatrain is a verse made up of four lines. The most popular rhyme scheme is A-B-A-B.
- ▶ A Couplet is a two-line verse. The two lines rhyme.

Example: Decisions

I watch the turkey turning brown
As guests begin arriving
When I see many pies around
That makes me start deciding.

Which one will fill my dinner plate
On this Thanksgiving Day?
Which one will I say I ate?
Will it matter anyway?

I might just sample every one
Instead of picking from the bunch
Or wait until most everyone
Has eaten all their lunch

And there is one last pie to test
Oh, how I hope it is the best!



Limericks

- ▶ A limerick is a 5-line poem meant to be humorous.
- ▶ The rhyme pattern is a a b b a with lines 1, 2, and 5 containing 3 beats and rhyming, and lines 3 and 4 having two beats and rhyming.

Example: Fly

A flea and a fly in a flue
Were caught, so what could they do?
Said the fly, "Let us flee."
"Let us fly," said the flea.
So they flew through a flaw in the flue.

More examples

There was an old man of Khartoum
Who kept a tame sheep in his room,
"To remind me," he said,
"Of someone who's dead,
But I never can recollect whom."



There was a young lady of Ryde,
Who ate some green apples and died.
The apples fermented
Inside the lamented,
And made cider inside her inside.



Let's try together:

There once was a pauper named Meg
Who accidentally broke her _____.
She slipped on the _____.
Not once, but twice
Take no pity on her, I _____.

(Can you guess which words go in the blanks?)

“Sense” poem

- ▶ A sense poem has six lines - vivid descriptions of a topic using the five senses.
- ▶ Here is the pattern for a sense poem:
 - Line 1 Tell the color of the subject
 - Line 2 Tell what it sounds like
 - Line 3 Tell what it tastes like
 - Line 4 Tell what it smells like
 - Line 5 Tell what it looks like
 - Line 6 Tell how it makes you feel

Example: War

War is brown.

It sounds like thunder.

It tastes like bitter grapes.

It smells like yesterday's garbage.

It looks like an ancient ruin.

It makes you feel like crying.

Another example:

Problems are black.

They sound like children crying.

They taste of castor oil.

And smell like spinach.

They look like monsters.

They make you feel unwanted.

Ode

- ▶ An Ode is a poem that addresses someone or something with great feeling or respect.
- ▶ Tips for writing an Ode:
 - ❖ Think of someone or something to write about.
 - ❖ Write your feelings about it, him, or her.
 - ❖ Give a description.
 - ❖ Tell the reasons you love (hate, fear, enjoy) it.

Example: To My Eraser

Oh, Eraser on my pencil top,
I chomp on you and cannot stop.
How many times have I had this fit,
I try, but I just cannot quit.
As soon as one mistake's erased
I hunger for your spongy taste.
"No more!" my mind says "Quit, you fool!"
But then my mouth begins to drool.
The pencil rises on its own
And then I feel you at my tongue.
My teeth bite in until they meet
And soon you're lying at my feet!

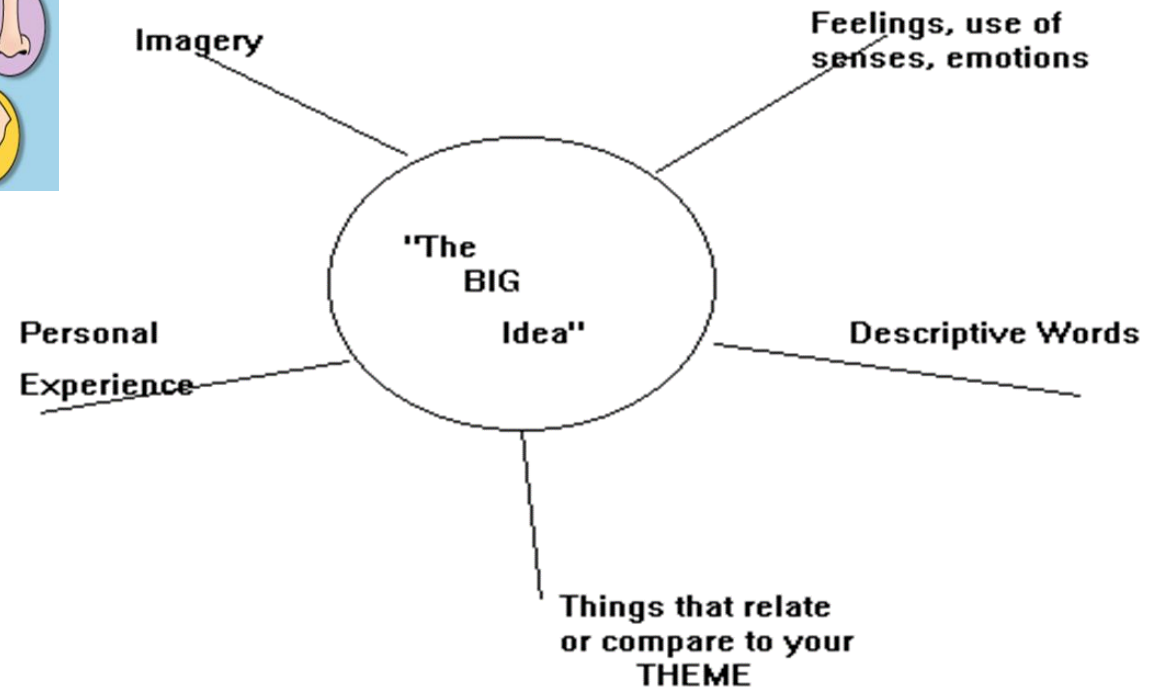


Activity 2

Write a poem based on Oliver Twist in your book

Remember to :

1. Use your senses
2. Use metaphor and simile
3. Use Figurative Language
4. Try to use a rhyme pattern.
5. Be **CREATIVE** !



Possible theme ideas:

Hope, Family, Joy

Fear, Food, Punishment, A Night in a warehouse...



More Poems to read

Sneeze

There's a
sort of a
tickle
the size
of a nickel,
a bit like the
prickle
of sweet-sour
pickle;

a kind of a wiggle
that starts as a
jiggle
and joggles
its way to a
tease,

It's a
quivery
shiver
the shape of a
sliver,
like eels in a
river;



which I
cannot
suppress
any longer,
I guess,
so pardon me,
please,
while I

SNEEZE.

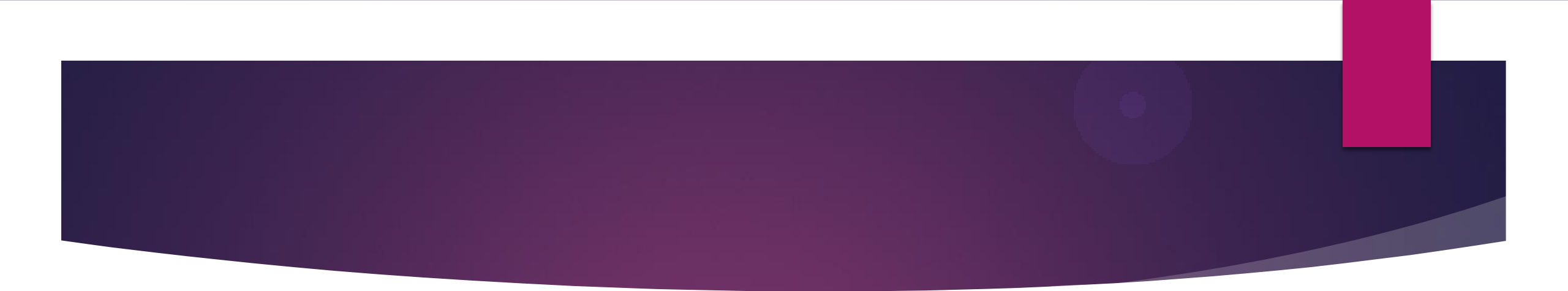
MAXINE KUMIN

The Sidewalk Racer

Skimming
an asphalt sea
I swerve, I curve, I
sway; I speed to whirring
sound an inch above the
ground; I'm the sailor
and the sail, I'm the
driver and the wheel
I'm the one and only
single engine
human auto
mobile.



LILLIAN MORRISON



One day while on a walk suddenly the sky got dark
I looked up to see big thunder clouds so near
The belch of the clouds hurt my ears it was such a
loud bark
I touch the break from sunset to clouds I grasp
the light
I feel the wispy white clouds they are so fluffy yet
strong they wont break even with all of my might

Useful websites:

- ▶ www.poetry4kids.com
- ▶ <http://gws.ala.org/content/giggle-poetry>

W. Wordsworth related videos:

- ▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aC9rZYSQvIA>
- ▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rpg5XJGHNuk>
- ▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3PdDHdBq7h4>
- ▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mvps8Nt4AVs> – documentary
- ▶ Challenge: 'There Was A Boy' Reading Comprehension activity