

Talking about poetry

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Analyzing poetry

Analyzing poetry involves closely examining the elements and techniques used in a poem to understand its deeper meaning and messages.

The first step in analyzing poetry is reading the poem multiple times to fully grasp its **content and structure**.

Pay attention to the poem's form, including its **rhyme scheme, meter, and stanza structure**, as these can contribute to its overall meaning.

Identify the poem's **theme or central idea** by analyzing the imagery, symbols, and language used.

Look for **literary devices** such as metaphor, simile, personification, and alliteration, which can enhance the poem's meaning and create a unique effect.

Consider the poet's **tone and style**, as they can provide insights into the poet's intentions and emotions.

Analyzing the poem's use of sound devices, such as **rhythm, repetition, and onomatopoeia**, can reveal how the poem creates a specific atmosphere or mood.

Connect the poem to its **historical and cultural context**, as understanding the time period and societal influences can shed light on the poem's meaning.

Finally, form your own interpretation of the poem based on your analysis, keeping in mind that poetry can have multiple interpretations and be open to different perspectives.

Find words that are connected to analyzing poetry

I K P M P I J S S W R N L D
J U X T C S M Y C S U N P I
Z W O R R L K M Z D E K Z F
G S N F J Q C B O S J Q U V
H F Q L M Y F O R D A G I U
G M D N K I F L U J A M T W
B Z A U L B I I H M D V D K
N M X O Y D T S T X M J S K
Y F F S T P I M A G E R Y Y
J R O H Q D X K T C T G X B
M X F G U T Q M S T A N Z A
D I C T I O N S Y W P Q C Y
D S O X K N M D N H H P I H
A L L I T E R A T I O N M O
T Y O K A T H Z A N R M U Z
J E G M Y C Y O X E F K N S
A Y I T H E M E I F G J L D
C M V T Z D E W J I J Q B L

METAPHOR · RHYME · ALLITERATION · STANZA · IMAGERY · SYMBOLISM · DICTION · SYNTAX · TONE ·
THEME ·

Answer the questions

What's the term for when a poem has a beat to it?

Meter

What do you call it when a poem paints a picture in your head?

Is there a word for when words in a poem sound the same at the end of each line?

How do you describe the feeling or vibe you get from reading a poem?

What's the word for the main message or lesson in a poem?

What do you call the person speaking in the poem, like the narrator?

Is there a name for a comparison in a poem that uses 'like' or 'as'?

What do you call it when the poem gives human qualities to something non-human?

Identify the type of poetry

What type of poetry is this? Yo, have you ever read a poem that's like super long and tells a whole story? It's got like a hero and all that epic stuff.

Epic

What type of poetry is this? My English class is reading these Japanese poems that are like really short, only three lines and they capture a moment in nature.

What type of poetry is this? So, there's this type of poem that's like all about expressing deep emotions and feelings, you know? It doesn't have to rhyme or anything.

What type of poetry is this? We're studying these poems that are like, super structured and have a specific rhyme scheme and rhythm. They're pretty old-school but kind of cool.

What type of poetry is this? I came across a poem that's like a conversation between two people, almost like they're rapping back and forth.

Complete this background text about your poem

The poem _____ by _____ is a powerful and evocative piece that explores the theme of _____ and the _____ experience. Shire is a _____ poet, who was born in Kenya to Somali parents and later moved to the United Kingdom. Her poetry often deals with issues of _____, _____, and _____.

_____ was published in 2011, and quickly gained attention for its raw and emotional portrayal of the _____ faced by _____ as they are forced to leave their homes and seek _____ in unfamiliar lands. The poem has been widely shared and used in various campaigns and events to raise awareness about the _____.

Shire's use of _____ and _____ in _____ has made it a powerful tool in humanizing the experiences of refugees and highlighting the _____ of addressing the _____ issue of _____.

refugees, global, Warsan Shire, British-Somali, displacement, Home, struggles, emotive language, identity, migration, refugee crisis, displacement, Home, urgency, Home, belonging, safety, refugee, vivid imagery

Identify meter, rhyme, imagery, theme and stylistic devices in 'Home' by Warsan Shire.
