

# Reading & Analyzing a Poem

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_  
POET: \_\_\_\_\_

## Before Reading the Poem...

**T**  
Title

Write the title below and then annotate it with any thoughts you have about what the words of the title tell us.

## Analyze the Title

**You may want to consider:**

- Connotations of key words
- Notable punctuation
- Is there any indication of tone?
- Do we learn anything about the speaker?

## After Reading the Poem...

**P**  
Paraphrase

Any **WORDS** you don't understand?  
Write them below & then find & write their definitions.

**THE SPEAKER** of the poem?

What do we know about

\_\_\_\_\_

What is **THE SETTING**?

## What is the poem about?

In 3 points, identify what happens in the poem:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

Paraphrase the poem in a sentence:

**C**  
Connotations

List **KEY WORDS**



Describe the connotations of these words:

Any **FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE TECHNIQUES**?

## Focus on Word Choice

Quote them here (with line numbers)

# Attitude

Describe the TONE of the poem in 3 words:

\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Quotes which evidence this attitude / tone:

# What's the Attitude of the speaker?

How does this tone relate to the content of the poem?

# Shifts

The stanza structure of the poem:

Any Shifts in the Poem?

CHANGES IN TIME? TONE? CONTENT?

# Thinking about Changes

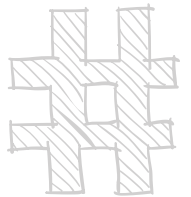
Elements of punctuation which facilitate these changes:

# Theme

List the topics/concepts of the poem:

Write HASHTAGS for this poem:

# So, what's the theme?



WRITE A THEME STATEMENT BELOW (what message the poet is conveying about the topic)

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