

Year 8 Unit 3 Overview: Analysing Poetry from Other Cultures

Test date: February 2022

Target grade for tests:

You will learn how to:

- understand ideas and messages in a poem
- explain the effects of writers' choices (language and structure)
- build a personal interpretation of a poem

An expert in English is:

Inquisitive and perceptive, an appreciative reader, who enjoys reading and responding analytically to a wide range of texts.

Confident and creative, a compelling writer, able to adapt their style to suit a range of audiences, forms and purposes.

Engaging and thoughtful, a fluent communicator, confident to articulate their own opinions and responds to others with sensitivity and skill.

Unit Overview

During this unit, you will focus on developing the following skills:

- Building your personal interpretation of a poem
- Explaining key ideas and themes in a poem or cluster of poems.
- Analysing a poet's choice of words, linguistic techniques and structural techniques for specific effects.
- Selecting relevant textual evidence from a poem.
- Understanding the influences on a writer and how the poem has been constructed (context)

Yellow Key Words: Subject terminology:

sonnet: A traditional love poem consisting of 14 lines with a set rhyme scheme

narrative Poem: a poem which tells a story

monologue: a poem where one speaker recounts their own thoughts or feelings.

couplet: a stanza consisting of two lines, often rhymed

quatrain: a stanza consisting of four lines

oxymoron: a phrase where two opposite words are placed next to each other for effect.

juxtaposition: Language or images that are deliberately contrasted within a poem.

sibilance: repetition of 's' and 'sh' sounds

assonance: repetition of vowel sounds

Suggested reading or support available:

www.poetryarchive.org for listening to poets reading their work, looking at poems by theme and understanding poetic terms

iPad opportunities:

- **SimpleMind:** great for planning ideas for a response
- **Padlet-** group work interpreting a poem
- **Book Creator-** collating portfolio work together for feedback
- **iMovie-** filming creative responses to a poem

Purple Key words: Ambitious vocabulary

Group 1

- 1.sentimental
- 2.naturalistic
- 3.reflects
- 4.bleak
- 5.political
- 6.corrupt
- 7.contrast
- 8.vivid
- 9.whimsical
- 10.patriotic

Group 2

- 1.wistful
- 2.pastoral
- 3.echoes
- 4.desolate
- 5.exploit
- 6.fraudulent
- 7.contradiction
- 8.stark
- 9.arbitrary
- 10.nationalistic

Group 3

- 1.nostalgic
- 2.bucolic
- 3.emulates
- 4.austere
- 5.constitutional
- 6.oppressed
- 7.juxtaposition
- 8.flamboyant
- 9.frivolous
- 10.zealous