

Talking about poetry (Advanced)



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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

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

- METAPHOR
- RHYME
- ALLITERATION
- STANZA
- IMAGERY
- SYMBOLISM
- DICTION
- SYNTAX
- tone
- THEME

Answer the questions

What term describes a comparison using 'like' or 'as'?

Simile

What is it called when a word mimics a sound?

What do you call the time and place where a poem occurs?

Which term refers to the poet's attitude toward the subject?

What is the pattern called that repeats throughout a poem?

What term is used for the central message or insight in a poem?

What do you call the main character or speaker in a poem?

What is the term for a recurring image or idea in a poem?

Identify the type of poetry

Poems that don't rhyme but have a specific rhythm or meter.

Blank Verse

Poems that tell a story, often about heroic deeds or events.

Short and often funny poems with a specific rhyme scheme, usually AABBA.

Japanese poems that have 17 syllables, arranged in three lines of 5-7-5.

Poems that express personal thoughts and feelings, often in a musical way.

Complete this background text about your poem

"Amanda Gorman's" poem "In This Place (An American Lyric)" was first presented on September 13, 2017, at the Library of Congress during a special reading. Gorman, who became the first National Youth Poet _____ of the United States, wrote this piece to capture the essence of the American

_____ and the nation's continuous journey towards social and political _____.
The poem reflects the cultural and _____ challenges and triumphs that define the United States, emphasizing themes of resilience, _____, and the importance of a collective voice in shaping the future. Gorman's work is known for its powerful _____ and its call to action, encouraging readers and listeners to engage actively in the pursuit of justice and equality.

Laureate, experience, unity, historical, progress, imagery

Identify meter, rhyme, imagery, theme, and stylistic devices in Amanda Gorman's poem.
