

Poem Interpreter

This page develops CCSSR Anchor Standard—Key Ideas and Information: 2. Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

The next page develops the analysis of author's craft and structure, aligned with NWEA as well as Common Core requirements.

A poet is like a painter. The poet uses words to help you understand a theme or message.

Poem: _____

What do you like most about this poem?

Draw a picture to illustrate the poem. Show what you think the poet's message is.

✓ What is the theme of the poem—what is the poet's message?

Why do you think that is the message the poet wants you to understand?
Give examples from the poem that support your interpretation.

Poem Analyzer *Aligned with CCSSR Anchor Standards—Craft and Structure—and NWEA Skills*

CCSSR4. **Interpret words and phrases** as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

CCSSR5. **Analyze the structure of texts**, including how specific sentences, paragraphs, and larger parts of the text relate to each other and the whole.

Think about these questions. Give evidence to support your answers.

✓ Choose a line you think is very important. What is the line?

Why is that line important? _____

✓ What is the mood of the poem—the feeling it has—happy, sad, calm, another feeling?

How does the poet give the poem that mood?

A poet uses different techniques. Look for examples of these techniques in the poem.

Technique	Example
alliteration	
metaphor	
simile	
narrator	
rhyme	
symbol	
repetition	
onomatopoeia	
Another technique?	

EXCEED:

> Write about the poem. How it is like a story you have read or an experience you had?

> Write your own poem about the theme of this poem.