

Poetry Analysis Annotation

As you annotate the poetry assignments, note the following:

VISUAL ELEMENTS:

Unique shape? Unconventional use of punctuation, formatting, font?
Specific number of lines or stanzas?
Type of Poetry? Does the poem fit the profile of a particular type?
(Sonnet, Haiku, Blank verse, Free form, etc.)

LYRIC DEVICES:

Rhyming pattern? (End rhyme, sight rhyme, internal rhyme, slant rhyme)
Assonance or consonance?
Rhythm or meter? (iambic pentameter?)

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Note significant historic info or background info about the author that might contribute to the meaning,

LITERAL MEANING

Literally, what is the poem about?

FIGURATIVE MEANING

Identify any lit devices that contribute to a deeper level of meaning.
(simile, metaphor, allusion, paradox, personification, symbolism)

IMAGERY

Identify sensory descriptions. What does the author seek to emphasize through this imagery?

THEME

Identify the deeper meaning/message of the poem.

QUESTIONS TO ASK:

- 1. Why did the poet make use of this device?**
- 2. How does it contribute to the overall meaning of the poem?**