



Use the following questions and prompts to help you study, critique, analyze, understand, and write about (or narrate about) the poem you are studying.

1. Is there a story in the poem? If so, describe what is happening. Who? What? When? Where? Why?
2. Is there a speaker in the poem? Describe him or her.
3. If there isn't a story, what topics or themes does the poem display?
4. What do you like about this poem? What do you not like about it?
5. What is the poet emphasizing?
6. Describe how the poem makes you feel. Does it make you feel excited, bored, good, bad, scared, weird, etc.? Why?
7. What adjectives or verbs would you use to describe the poem?
8. What symmetry or parallelism do you see? What asymmetry do you see?
9. Do you see any repetition or words, phrases, or ideas? If so, why do you think the poet included repetition?
10. If you were to rewrite this poem, what would you do differently?
11. Can you tell something about the poet by reading this poem? What is it?
12. If you could ask the poet a question, what would it be?
13. Rewrite the poem in your own words.
14. What is the form of the poem? Is it very structured? Does it rhyme?
15. What imagery do you see in the poem? Symbolism? Metaphors or similes?
16. Other things to do with the poem:
  - \* Copy it
  - \* Memorize it
  - \* Speak it out loud
  - \* Add artwork to it
  - \* Dramatize it