

# **HOW IS POETRY**

How does poetry come to be?
How does it make you feel?
How is it powerful?



# Now tell me how you feel about poetry

- The first line is your first name.
- The second line is two or three words that describe poetry to you.
- The third line is something you love about poetry.
- The fourth line is something you dislike about poetry.
- The fifth line is something that scares you about poetry.
- The sixth line is something you wish for of our Language Arts classes.
- The last line is your name.

# An Example

I am Kim

Poetry writer, reader, singer, painter

I love how poetry connects me to people.

I dislike how confusing some poetry is.

I am afraid of writing poetry that is dull.

I wish that everyone could fall in love with

at least one poem.

McArthur

# Questions:

Does Poetry serve a purpose?
Why or why not



Do you have any poems at home?



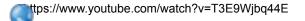
Is music poetry

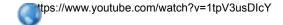
# Lets Find Out: A juxtaposition

Okay . . . what does that mean???

Gym Class Heroes, "Stereo Hearts"

Robert Burns, "A Red, Red Rose"







In pairs discuss what these works are about; are they both poetry? Why or why not?



## So . . . lets be poetic analysts

- 1. Find a metaphor
- 2. Find a simile
- 3. Find examples of hyperbole
- 4. Where are there patterns
- 5. Which two lines from the Burns poem most closely echo the theme of the song
- 6. Where do we see separation in the works
- 7. Which is the stronger poetic device: stereo or rose. Why?
- 8. Which work is more compelling and why?
- 9. How does the instrumental support the lyrics?
- 10. How does reading the poem support the work?

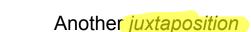
#### You're experts now so let's try again . . .

"Breakeven," written by The Script and performed by Boyce Avenue (2008)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E4rvGGFt7LU

Sonnet 30, by Edmund Spencer (1595)

http://www.bartleby.com/358/796.html



Questions for your group: What are these works about??? How are they the same/different (our juxtaposition word fits here) as the other works?

Hey what about those dates??



#### **Quick Sonnet facts**

It's old (1300's) but we associate it with William Shakespeare late 1500's-1600's.

It means little song in Italian

Franseco Petrarch took "people's song," the strombatto, and added a "Royal" six lines to its eight. It became an actual blend of common and royal.

It has rhythm: ba dum ba dum ba dum

It has a volta (a turn)



#### Sonnet 30

Edmund Spenser, 1595

My Love is like to ice, and I to fire: How comes it then that this her cold so great Is not dissolved through my so hot desire, But harder grows the more I her entreat?

Or how comes it that my exceeding heat Is not allayed by her heart-frozen cold, But that I burn much more in boiling sweat, And feel my flames augmented manifold?

What more miraculous thing may be told, That fire, which all things melts, should harden ice, And ice, which is congeal'd with senseless cold, Should kindle fire by wonderful device?

Such is the power of love in gentle mind, That it can alter all the course of kind.

#### **Quick Review**

# How do we answer Question #8 (Stereo Hearts/Red Red Rose)

Ultimately, which of these two pieces of writing do you find more effective in communicating the narrator's thoughts to the audience? Explain why you prefer one work over the other.

- 1) Main argument: effectiveness and preference
  - a) Should have minimum 3 points for each.
- 2) Support it with "How" (poetic devices)
- 3) Does effectiveness match preference?

You will be graded on the following:

- · persuasiveness of argument
- analytical skills (what did you notice)
- · grammar/spelling
- · coverage of both works in your arguments

# What do you remember (everyone was exhausted)

#### Who wants to re-teach it?

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# **Due For Friday:**

# Question #8 Stereo Hearts/Red Red Rose

Questions #1-4 Breakeven/Sonnet

Questions for Ms. McArthur kkmcarth@ucalgary.ca

So what is the purpose of these works:

Stereo Hearts

Red, Red Rose

Breakeven

Sonnet

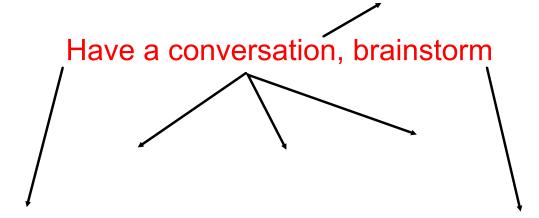
Can there be another purpose?

What did Aristotle say?

Was he worried about relationships?



Soooo . . . what else can poetry be about???



What is in your music library??? Go home check it out. What is in your family members music libraries. What did your parents/grandparents love when they were your age??

Gregory Corso I am 25

Gregory Corso: I am 25 (1930-2001)

With a love a madness for Shelley Chatterton Rimbaud and the needy-yap of my youth has gone from ear to ear: I HATE OLD POETMEN! Especially old poetmen who retract who consult other old poetmen who speak their youth in whispers, saying:--I did those then but that was then that was then--O I would quiet old men say to them:--I am your friend what you once were, thru me you'll be again--

Then at night in the confidence of their homes

rip out their apology-tongues and steal their poems.

## **Political Poetry**

Civil Rights Movement

End of slavery 1863, Abraham Lincoln

To end racial segregation: did it?

Rosa Parks — bus 1955

Ruby Bridges — student 1960

Civil Rights Act 1964: Banned discrimination based on "race, colour, religion, or national origin" in employment practices and public accommodations: did it?

Let's have a conversation: what do you know think? Civil rights movement??



#### Harlem

By Langston Hughes, 1951

What happens to a dream deferred?

Does it dry up
like a raisin in the sun?
Or fester like a sore—
And then run?
Does it stink like rotten meat?
Or crust and sugar over—
like a syrupy sweet?

Maybe it just sags like a heavy load.

Or does it explode?

# The Times They Are a Changin

By Bob Dylan, 1964









http://vimeo.com/93130150

Bob Dylan "The Times They are a Changin" (1964)

Argued to be one of the most influential folk songwriters ever poets ever ...

. . . Oh he got families all riled up alright

teens were restricted from music

This just got youth more engaged in "the scene" ergo: HIPPIES AND BIG CHANGE

# The Clash, "know your rights" (1982)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m6hxZ8ze-eY



Do you agree?? Have a conversation.

ttp://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/clash/knowyourrights.html

#### **Leonard Cohen**

You cannot talk poetry and music, in Canada, without talking Leonard Cohen



Born 1934

Ring the bells that still can ring Forget your perfect offering There is a crack in everything That's how the light gets in.

From Anthem

## Spoken word: What is it?

It is incredibly hard to find solid work that doesn't have swearing. That should make us think — if we really want people to hear what we're saying, how should we say it???

## Daniel Beaty: knock knock

ttps://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9eYH0AFx6yI

### Shane Koyczan: To This Day

ttps://www.youtube.com/watch?v=li6L\_Aux9RU

#### Jamie Sanders: "This Time"

http://ollibean.com/2014/07/22/i-have-tourettes-please-tell-everyone/

What matters to you?

Does it matter enough . . .?

