

The Power of Poetry Worksheet



Break down the poem by poetic devices. Write down and examples of the following devices that you find in the poem.

- Alliteration: To use the same sound over and over again
- Rhyme: Using words that sound alike
- Onomatopoeia: A word that sounds like the word it represents, like “Boom!”
- Repetition: Repeating the same words or phrases multiple times

1. What is your first impression of the poem/song? What is the mood?

2. What do you think the poem is about?

3. Now, read the words again. Circle key words and phrases and make notes in the margins. What words and phrases stood out to you? Why?

4. As you read these words again, what more did you discover? What new ideas do you have?

5. Why do you think Barilla copied the poem into her journal? What meaning might it have had to her?

6. Select some lyrics to one of your favorite songs and break down the lyrics by poetic devices.

Lyrics	Poetic Devices
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7. What meanings do you think the writer was trying to convey?

8. What do the lyrics/poem mean to you?