

Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to analyze the structure and meaning of poems, specifically focusing on rhyme scheme, meter, and symbolism.

Materials and Prep

- Poems for analysis (can be found online or in poetry books)
- Pen and paper
- Basic understanding of poetry terms (rhyme scheme, meter, symbolism)

Activities

1. Choose a poem that interests you and identify its rhyme scheme. Write down the rhyme pattern (ABAB, AABB, etc.) and discuss how it contributes to the overall meaning of the poem.
2. Read a poem out loud and pay attention to its meter. Try to tap out the stressed and unstressed syllables to determine the poem's rhythm. Discuss how the meter affects the tone of the poem.
3. Look for symbolism in a poem. Identify any objects, colors, or actions that may have deeper meanings. Discuss how these symbols enhance the theme of the poem.

Talking Points

- "Rhyme scheme is the pattern of rhymes at the end of each line in a poem. It can create a sense of harmony or tension within the poem."
- "Meter refers to the rhythm of a poem, created by the pattern of stressed and unstressed syllables. It can affect the flow and mood of the poem."
- "Symbolism is the use of objects, colors, or actions to represent abstract ideas or concepts. It adds depth and layers of meaning to a poem."