

Poetry Analysis Fact-File

Learning objective: To identify and explain the use of poetic devices and explore the meaning of a poem.

Read your chosen poem carefully. Use this fact-file to break down how the poet has created images and feelings. Fill in each section with examples from the text.

Word bank: alliteration · simile · metaphor · onomatopoeia · stanza · rhythm · imagery · emotion

1. Poem Details: What is the title of the poem and who is the poet? (2 marks)

2. Structure: How many stanzas are in the poem and how many lines are in each? (2 marks)

3. Word Choice: Find two powerful adjectives or verbs the poet used to create a mood. Why did they choose these words? (4 marks)

4. Poetic Devices: Can you find a simile or a metaphor? Write it here and explain what two things are being compared. (4 marks)

5. Sound Patterns: Find an example of alliteration or onomatopoeia. How does this sound help the reader imagine the scene? (4 marks)

6. The Big Idea: What is the main theme or message of the poem? How do you know this? (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Leo the Lion loves poetry! Imagine you are Leo: write a short four-line stanza to add to the end of this poem, following the same rhythm and style.