



a stanza, its devices, and the seven-point answer an appreciation always follows



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Poetry Extract & Activities: what a stanza question wants



- a stanza is read like a prose extract: overall sense first, then the specific detail asked
- rhyme scheme questions want the pattern as letters, e.g. aabb, worked out stanza by stanza
- a devices table needs the device and its exact line, either alone is half the answer
- creative tasks (four to six lines, a proverb as paragraph) are marked on theme relevance, not rhyme

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Poetic Appreciation: seven things it covers

About the poem

the poet's name, and the significance of the title

The theme

the central idea the poem is built around, in a sentence or two

Poetic style

free verse or a fixed form, the rhyme scheme if any, the tone taken

Devices used

the figures of speech and other devices, named, with the line each occurs in

Special features

anything that makes this poem distinct: an unusual structure, a repeated refrain

Message or values

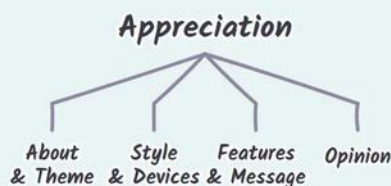
what the poem leaves the reader with, stated directly

Your opinion

a genuine personal reaction to the poem, not a repeat of the theme

the seven-point form is the one to drill, though some poems are set with a merged six-point list instead

The seven points, grouped for recall



all seven appreciation points, grouped into four chunks

