

SOME ELEMENTS TO CONSIDER WHEN ANALYZING POEMS

- 1) Identify speaker (if any)/person & pronouns
- 2) Lines (self-contained images/ideas)
- 3) Sentences (self-contained images/ideas)
- 4) Stanzas (self-contained images/ideas)
- 5) Line breaks (how does meaning play through line breaks and enjambment?)
- 6) Figures of speech: similes/metaphors/symbols/personification
- 7) Relation of words via rhyme/alliteration/syllable count/similar sounds
- 8) Repetition of key words and phrases
■ ■ ■ ■ Repetition of central ideas and images
- 9) Tone
- 10) Versification (if any)