

After you have read the poem, write down answers to the following questions, or discuss them with a partner.

1. What do you think the poem is about?

2. What questions do you have?

3. What did you like? Dislike? Find confusing?

4. Which characters or settings did you find convincing? Did that matter?

5. What do you think is the message of the poem?

6. Did you understand it straight away? What if there is another- or no-message?

7. Did it remind you of any other novels, poems, texts, people or places?

8. What poetic techniques or punctuation did the poet use and what effect does it have?

9. Did you have to look any words up? Which ones?

10. Which words would you change, and why?

11. What was your overall feeling when you finished reading the poem?

12. How would you explain it to someone else? Would you read it again?