

TP-CASTT Poetry Analysis

Title & Author:

Title: What <i>predictions</i> can you make from the title? <i>Read the poem.</i> What are your initial (first) thoughts about the poem? What might be the <i>theme</i> of the poem?	
Paraphrase: Summarize the poem <i>in your own words.</i>	
Connotation: What might the poem <i>mean beyond the literal level</i> ? Find examples of metaphors, similes, personification, hyperbole, alliteration, rhyme scheme, rhythm, etc. and think about their possible connotative meanings.	
Attitude: Describe the <i>tone</i> and <i>mood</i> of the poem. What is the poet’s attitude toward the subject of the poem? Find and list examples that illustrate the <i>tone and mood</i> of the poem (these show attitude).	
Shift: Is there <i>a shift (a change) in the tone or speaker</i> of the poem? Where is the shift? What/whom does it shift to?	
Title: Look at the title again. Have your original ideas about the poem changed? How? What do you think the title means now?	
Theme: What is the <i>overall theme</i> of the poem? What insight, lesson, or truth are we supposed to have after reading this poem? Write a theme statement.	