

## Poetry Appreciation

What is the **name** of the **poem**?

Who is the **poet**?

What is it **about**?

Is the poem written in **verses**?

How many **lines** are there in each verse?

Does the poem **rhyme**?

Does the poem have a **pattern**?

What type of **vocabulary** does the poet use? What is the **effect** of the poet's word choices? (How do they make you feel?)

Does the poem contain any **similes** or **metaphors**?

Does the poem contain **personification**?

Does the poem contain **alliteration**?

Does the poem contain **onomatopoeia**?

What **themes** does the poem contain?

What is the **atmosphere** of the poem?

Did you like the poem? What is your **opinion** of the poem? Does it move you? How could you **improve** the poem?

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**LO: To write a poetry appreciation**

**Example: Poetry Appreciation of 'The Telegram Boy'**

The name of the poem is 'The Telegram Boy'. The poem is about a boy who delivers messages from the place where the War is happening. The poem is very moving. It makes you feel lucky because we don't have London bombed any more.

It has 11 verses and there are 4 lines in each verse. However it has a lot of powerful words like 'sorrow in his eyes gleamed'. The poem does rhyme. The second and fourth lines of each verse rhyme, for example 'arrive' and 'five', 'screams' and 'gleam'.

It has an interesting pattern and it is repeated in the first line of alternating verses. The vocabulary is extremely emotive because the writer has made you feel very sad about the War.

The poem does not have any similes or metaphors. It does have personification like 'the trees whisper'. It contains quite a lot of alliteration like 'bicycle' and 'boy'. The poem does have onomatopoeia like 'hums' and 'hisses'.

Perhaps the poem could be a little longer but I love the word choices.

The poem has important themes. One minute the weather is sunny. The next there is a grey cloud. The weather is a great big mirror, reflecting the themes of death and loss. The poem made me very sad because it is all about war and killing.

My favourite part of the poem is when the people all hate him because the telegram boy delivers terrible messages. The families are traumatised to hear all the bad news.