

Poetry Analysis - TPCASTT

Directions:

Read the poem (on separate handout).

Respond to *all* TP-CASTT prompts.

For maximum points, use *textual evidence* (use quotes) to support all responses.

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T: Title / P: Paraphrase / C: Connotation / A: Attitude / S: Shift / T: Title (revisited) / T: Theme

Title: *Before* reading the poem, make a prediction about what the title means. What can we expect?

Because the poem is called _____ *I think title means ...*

Paraphrase: Restate the poem in your own words. What is happening in this poem on a literal level?

First ...

Next ...

Then ...

Finally ...

Connotation: Look at some of the poet's word choices to determine what you think the poet is really trying to say. What are other, deeper meanings behind these words?

The connotation of the word/phrase _____ *in this poem means*
(insert word/phrase from poem here)

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Attitude/Tone: Describe the speaker's attitude (or tone) towards the subject of this poem. Identify the attitude or the "emotional feel" the poet is trying to express to the reader. Use 2-3 words directly from the poem *that go with* the general attitude/tone of the poem.

Words from this poem:

May use the Tone Word List sheet (separate handout), write down 2-3 words to describe the attitude:

1. → 1.

2. → 2.

3. → 3.

4. → 4.

Shifts: Number the lines of the poem. Describe where the poem appears to have a *major* change (e.g. either in perspective, subject, context, or attitude). *Explain* how shifts affect the poem.

- *A major change begins at line number _____ when the speaker says ...*

- *This is a major change/shift because at first ...*

but then ...

Title (revisited): Now that you have read the poem closely, what do you think the title means in the context of the poem?

I think the poem is called _____ because ...

Theme: What is the poem's main idea or underlying meaning? (This should be a "you" statement).

The poet believes that ...

