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Poetry Analysis Questions

"Poetry is when an emotion has found its thought and the thought has found its words."
- Robert Frost

Write in complete sentences and cite from the text to support your responses.

Paraphrase the poem.

What is the speaker's tone? Which words reveal this tone? Is the poem ironic?

Are there any symbols? What do they mean? Are they universal symbols or do they arise from the context of this poem?

Consider the title. Is it literal or figurative? What is significant about the title of the poem?

What is the theme (the central idea) of this poem? Can you state it in a single sentence?

Who is the speaker (persona) in the poem? How would you describe this persona?

What images (or figurative language devices) does the poet use? How do the images relate to one another? Do these images form a unified pattern (a motif) throughout the poem?

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COMPARE & CONTRAST Poetry Analysis

Consider content, structure, figurative language, tone, theme, irony, diction, imagery and symbolism.

Writers Tips

Poem #1 _____

Poem #2 _____

Write a brief paragraph explaining why these poems were presenting to you as a pairing. Base your paragraph on your findings from above and consider the theme of the poems as well.