

Test the Waters

ASSESSMENT TWO – RESPONSE TO A POEM

Read the entire document before you begin. It is in five parts:

1. A description of the task you must complete along with pointers on what you should include.
2. Templates for planning and structuring your answer.
3. Space to complete the full task.
4. The success criteria that the teacher will use to grade your work.
5. A feedback section that you can use to improve your work in future similar assignments.

A Personal response to a poem

Write a personal response to a poem you have recently studied.

You might include:

- Your thoughts and opinions on the theme of the poem, and why you liked or disliked it
- Your response to the tone/mood or atmosphere of the poem
- A selection of at least two poetic techniques you identified, stating whether you thought they were used well.
- Don't forget to back up your opinions and explanations with specific quotes and references. **P Q E**

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A Personal response to a poem: planning

My personal response to the poem _____
written by _____.

My thoughts on the **theme** of this poem were _____

Quote

I did/did not like how this poem dealt with the theme of _____
because _____

In my opinion, the **tone** of this poem was _____

Quote

I liked/disliked this because _____

Some **poetic techniques** I noticed were:

Technique _____ Technique _____

Quote _____ Quote _____

Effect _____ Effect _____

My final feelings about this poem are _____

Teacher feedback: Personal response to a poem

___/___/___

Teachers can use the table below to assess and give feedback to each student. Each success criterion can be rated using a check mark (✓) or scores (Excellent = 10, Very good = 8, Good = 6, Satisfactory = 4, More work needed = 2). Students can also reflect on their work after they get feedback.

Success Criteria	Excellent	Very good	Good	Satisfactory	More work needed
Quality of Response to theme					
Quality of Expression of viewpoint on the tone of the poem					
Identification and analysis of poetic techniques					
Grammar (<i>use of full sentences and proper tenses</i>)					
Accuracy of mechanics (<i>spelling, punctuation</i>)					
Other comments					

My thoughts after feedback

The area I did best in when expressing my thoughts and opinions was _____

Another strength of my writing was _____

An area I could work on improving is _____
