

American Lit | Poetry Analysis

Name: _____

Name of Poem: _____

STEP 1: VISUAL ELEMENTS

Is the shape unique? Any unconventional punctuation, formatting? Number of lines stanzas? Type of poetry?

STEP 2: LYRICAL DEVICES

Rhythm? Rhyme? Alliteration? Meter?

Step 3: Literal meaning

What is happening in the poem? What is the poem about? Summarize stanzas of a longer poem!

Step 4: Historical context

Time period? Significant info about the author?

step 5: figurative meaning & imagery

Identify similes, metaphors, allusions, symbolism, imagery.

Summarize figurative meaning(s) based on above findings.

Step 6: theme

What is the author's message? Can you point to evidence in the poem to support your answer?