An introduction



You will begin your year in Year 10, studying poetry in preparation for your second piece of English Literature coursework (12.5% of overall grade).

You will be expected to explore a theme in two poems and analyse these poems in detail.

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Poetry can be found in everyday life through various mediums like song lyrics, greeting cards, social media posts, wedding vows, and eulogies.

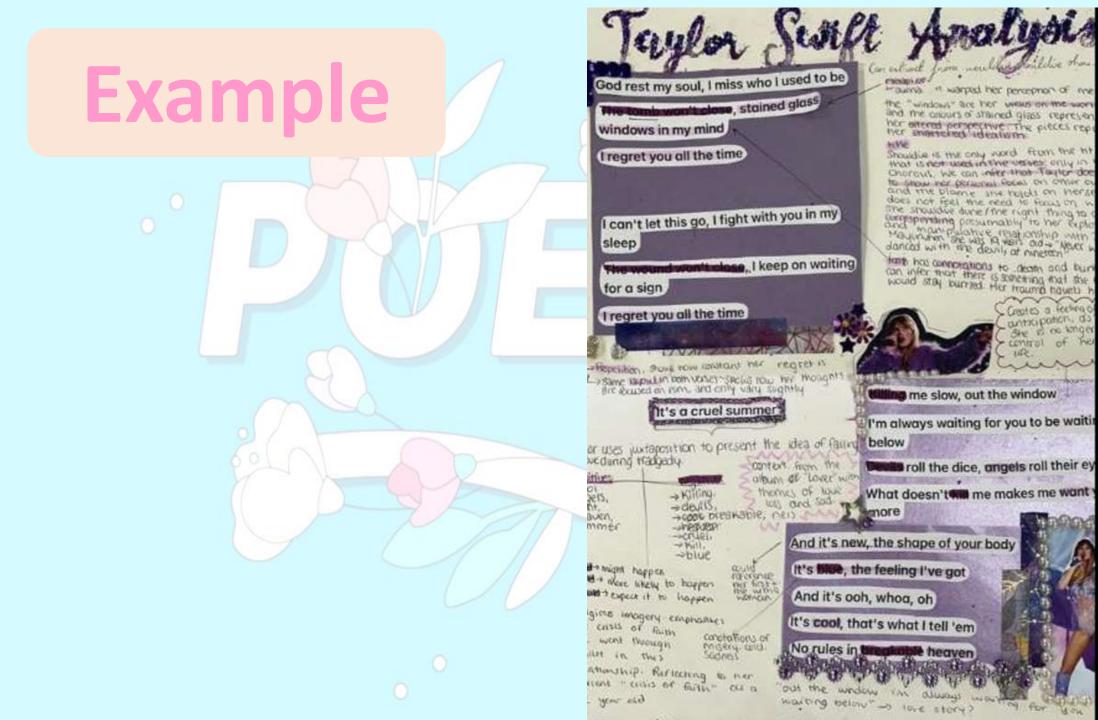
There are different types of poetry, such as sonnets, haikus, free verse, ballads, and limericks, that offer unique ways of expressing thoughts and emotions.



You must:

- Have at least 10 quotations selected
- Need to circle words and explore the connotations
- Write at the bottom what the song is about overall
- Must try to comment on any techniques such as metaphors, similes, irony etc

Write what you think the message/hidden meaning behind the song is



Take a look at these sections from two songs and the question prompts that might help your own analysis.

This is Me – The Greatest Showman

I'm not a stranger to the dark. Hide away, they say

'Cause we don't want your broken parts I've learned to be ashamed of all my scars Hide away, they say, no one will love you as you are

But I won't let them break me down to dust I know that there's a place for us For we are glorious

When the sharpest words wanna cut me down

I'm gonna send a flood, gonna drown 'em out I am brave, I am bruised

I am who I'm meant to be, this is me

- . What broken parts could the singer be talking about?
- 2. Why would someone tell someone 'no one will love you as you are'?
- Why won't she let them break her down to dust?
- Have you ever received sharp words that have offended you?
- 5. Why would people put others down because they are different?
- 6. What does she mean about 'send a flood'?

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Someone Like You – Adele

I heard that you're settled down That you found a girl and you're married now

I heard that your dreams came true Guess she gave you things I didn't give to you

Old Friend, why you so shy?

Ain't like you to hold back or hide from the night

I hate to turn up out of the blue uninvited

But I couldn't stay away, I couldn't Fight it

I had hoped you'd see my face And that you'd be reminded, that for me, it isn't over

- . What does 'settled down' mean?
- What dreams is she talking about?
- Who is 'old Friend' and why is it so shy?
- 4. What does 'turn up out of the blue' mean? Have you ever done this?
- 5. What could she not fight? Why?
- 6. Who do you think the singer is talking to?
- Why might someone fight a break-up so difficult?