

## How to Annotate a Poem

Let's do a few things before jumping into any kind of poetry analysis.  
 Read the poem TWICE before actually marking anything on it.  
 Then complete the steps below (any order) and share ideas with a partner!

Annotating a Poem	
<b>Pencil or pen</b>	Draw a box around each SENTENCE in the poem (not each line... each sentence!) Look at the punctuation. How many sentences are there?
<b>Pencil or pen</b>	As you're boxing the sentences, underline any strange / unfamiliar words that stand out to you. Don't worry about them, though. The reason you're underlining them is so you'll remember to discuss and talk about them later.
<b>Highlighter</b>	Mark examples of figurative language, like similes, metaphors, alliteration, onomatopoeia, personification, etc. It's OK if you're not sure which one something is because you can always mark it and ask about it later!
<b>Pencil or pen</b>	Pretend that the poem is actually a story. What's happening in the story? What is it about? Write a summary of the "story".

---

## How to Annotate a Poem

Let's do a few things before jumping into any kind of poetry analysis.  
 Read the poem TWICE before actually marking anything on it.  
 Then complete the steps below (any order) and share ideas with a partner!

Annotating a Poem	
<b>Pencil or pen</b>	Draw a box around each SENTENCE in the poem (not each line... each sentence!) Look at the punctuation. How many sentences are there?
<b>Pencil or pen</b>	As you're boxing the sentences, underline any strange / unfamiliar words that stand out to you. Don't worry about them, though. The reason you're underlining them is so you'll remember to discuss and talk about them later.
<b>Highlighter</b>	Mark examples of figurative language, like similes, metaphors, alliteration, onomatopoeia, personification, etc. It's OK if you're not sure which one something is because you can always mark it and ask about it later!
<b>Pencil or pen</b>	Pretend that the poem is actually a story. What's happening in the story? What is it about? Write a summary of the "story".