

DIDLS

A Poetry Analysis Strategy

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Using the **DIDLS** strategy is all about understanding the author's _____, or attitude, of the poem.

- 1) D stands for _____ which is the _____ and word choice in the poem. It's important for us to think about because out of all the words and synonyms a writer could choose, he or she chose specific words for a reason.
- 2) I stands for _____. This means we're looking for words the author uses that relate to the five _____: taste, touch, sight, sound, or feel.
- 3) D stands for _____ in the poem. These are the words that represent _____ in the poem, so they're the words without any kind of emotion or imagery.
- 4) L stands for _____. Here, we're looking for words that help support our proof of the author's tone in the poem. Plus, we're looking at how formal or how informal (conversational) the writer's tone is (and why).
- 5) S stands for _____. This word means sentence structure, long vs. short sentences, and how ideas are connected through transition words.