

How to Read a Poem

What is the Author's Purpose?

To entertain or express a thought/feeling

How should you read a poem?

Read a poem multiple times! Hear the language and gain the meaning!

How do you understand the author's message?

Preview: Read title, notice illustrations, lines, stanzas

Occasion: What is happening? OR What is the topic?

Emotion: What feelings are created? Who is feeling them?

Theme: What is the lesson to learn or the poet's message?

Speaker: Who is speaking - a character or a narrator?

Put these pieces **TOGETHER** to really understand.

