

Grades 11-12

Historical Multimedia

Oral Poetry Explication

### **ORAL POETRY EXPLICATION**

1. Introduce title of poem and important information about the poet. (see note)
2. Read the poem clearly and with expression.
3. Identify the speaker.
4. Identify who is being spoken to.
5. What is the "setting" for the poem.
6. Paraphrase the poem.
7. Discuss important literary devices: eg., metaphor, simile, apostrophe, symbol, tone, mood and how these enhance the meaning of the poem.
8. Discuss sensory images.
9. Discuss progression, organization, structure of the poem.
10. Identify the form of the poem; e.g., sonnet, lyric, elegy and define characteristics.
11. Define any unfamiliar words.
12. Discuss the form of the poem, rhyme and meter, and how it contributes to the meaning of the poem.
13. Give the theme of the poem; at least one complex sentence; no cliches.
14. Connections: is it like any other work thematically or structurally?
15. Ask if there are any questions, additions, alternate interpretations.

\* Need to have copies of the poem for class.

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