



Topic
Poetry



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Approach
Read, Understand, Try, Check

Let's Read:

When my teenage years are over,
 I know that I will see
 That life is lived its very best
 With you walking next to me.

Poem: A Teenager's Prayer

Rhyme Scheme: abcb

Theme/ Central Idea: *The central idea of the poem is a teenager's desire to be able to take the right decisions that leads to success in life. The teenager requests the Lord to help guide him in his journey in life and stay with him as he has to take important decisions on a daily basis.*

Poet: J. Morse

Figure of Speech: Metaphor

O moon
 give me a basketful of moonlight on loan.
 I want to light the dark route
 so that my father returns early.
 I too want to hear fairy tales and stories from him.

Poem: Basketful of Moonlight

Rhyme Scheme: Free Verse

Theme/ Central Idea: *The central idea of the poem is a child's desire to spend more time with his father. It is about a child's imagination where he thinks he can help his father and other villagers return home early by lighting their path back from work with seeds of moonlight.*

Poet: Sunil Sharma

Figure of Speech: Alliteration,
Hyperbole, Repetition

If you avoid to feel passion
And their turbulent emotions;
Those which make your eyes glisten
And your heart beat fast.
You start dying slowly...

Poem:You Start Dying Slowly ...

Rhyme Scheme: Free Verse

Poet:Pablo Neruda

Figure of Speech: Hyperbole,
Metaphor, Repetition

Theme/ Central Idea: *The central idea of the poem is how we should live our lives. We should follow our passions and lead a life where we travel, read, dress well and feel every emotion. We should be fearless and follow our dreams or else we will become stagnant and repetitive and start dying slowly instead of living our life fully.*

This fatal likeness even dogged My footsteps,
when at school, And I was always getting flogged,
For John turned out a fool. I put this question, fruitlessly,
To everyone I knew, 'What would you do,
if you were me, To prove that you were you?'

Poem:The Twins

Rhyme Scheme: ababcdcd

Poet:Henry Sambrooke Leigh

Figure of Speech: Alliteration,
Hyperbole, Pun, Repetition

Theme/ Central Idea: *The physical resemblance shared by identical twins creates confusion amongst other people. It shows the problems faced not only by the twins themselves but by their families and friends in identifying one from the other.*

With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And which is more you'll be a Man, my son!

Poem:If ...

Rhyme Scheme:Stanza 1: aaaa bcbc
Stanza 2: abab cdcd
Stanza 3: abab cdcd

Poet:Rudyard Kipling

Figure of Speech: Alliteration,
Hyperbole, Metaphor

Theme/ Central Idea: *'If' by Rudyard Kipling paints a picture of some real concerns about the human world and the admirable goals that one must pursue.*

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

Poem: Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening **Poet:** Robert Frost

Rhyme Scheme: Stanza 1: aaba **Figure of Speech:** Alliteration,

Stanza 2: bbcb Euphemism, Inversion,

Stanza 3: ccdc Metaphor

Stanza 4: dddd

Theme/ Central Idea: One theme of the poem is that the beauty and tranquility of nature can provide a respite from the demands of society and work.

With legs to take me where I'll go
With eyes to see the sunset's glow
With ears to hear what I would know
O God forgive me when I whine
I'm blessed, indeed, the world is mine

Poem: The World is Mine

Rhyme Scheme: Stanza 1: aabcc

Poet: Joy Lovelet Crawford

Figure of Speech: Alliteration,
Apostrophe, Hyperbole, Inversion

Theme/ Central Idea: The Theme of the poem is that we should know the value of the things we possess. We shouldn't feel sad and whine about the things we don't have. We should thank God instead of complaining.

But O heart! heart! heart!
O the bleeding drops of red,
Where on the deck my Captain lies,
Fallen cold and dead.

Poem: O Captain ! My Captain !

Rhyme Scheme: aabbcded

Poet: Walt Whitman

Figure of Speech: Alliteration,
Hyperbole, Apostrophe, Inversion,
Metaphor, Repetition

Theme/ Central Idea: The major theme that runs throughout the poem is the death of Abraham Lincoln at the end of the Civil War, which deprived the United States of the great president. Each stanza gives us a clue about the war. Although the fearful trip ends, bells ring, the captain is no more to enjoy the victory.

Reference: <https://www.myenglishcoursebook.com/>

ASK: If you are still in doubt, please reach out to your teacher and get your doubt cleared for better understanding.

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