

<b>First reading</b>	First Impression	What is your <b>first impression</b> of the poem? What <b>questions</b> do you have? Which words are you unclear about?
<b>Second reading</b>	Situation / Mood / Atmosphere	<b>Who</b> is the speaker? <b>Where &amp; when</b> is it set? What is happening? What kind of <b>atmosphere</b> does the poem create? What <b>mood</b> does this create for the reader? Where/when does the mood change? Why does the <b>mood change</b> ?
<b>Third reading</b>	Linguistic / Literary / Formal features	<b>Linguistic features</b> such as the word connotations, grammar, part of speech  <b>Literary (narrative/poetic) features</b> such as the use of characterization, motif, sensory imagery  <b>Formal (structural) features</b> such as the use of flashbacks, free verse, refrain
<b>Fourth reading</b>	Attitude	What is the speaker's <b>attitude/tone</b> towards the topic/subject matter? Is this the same as the poet's? What message does the reader take away from this poem?