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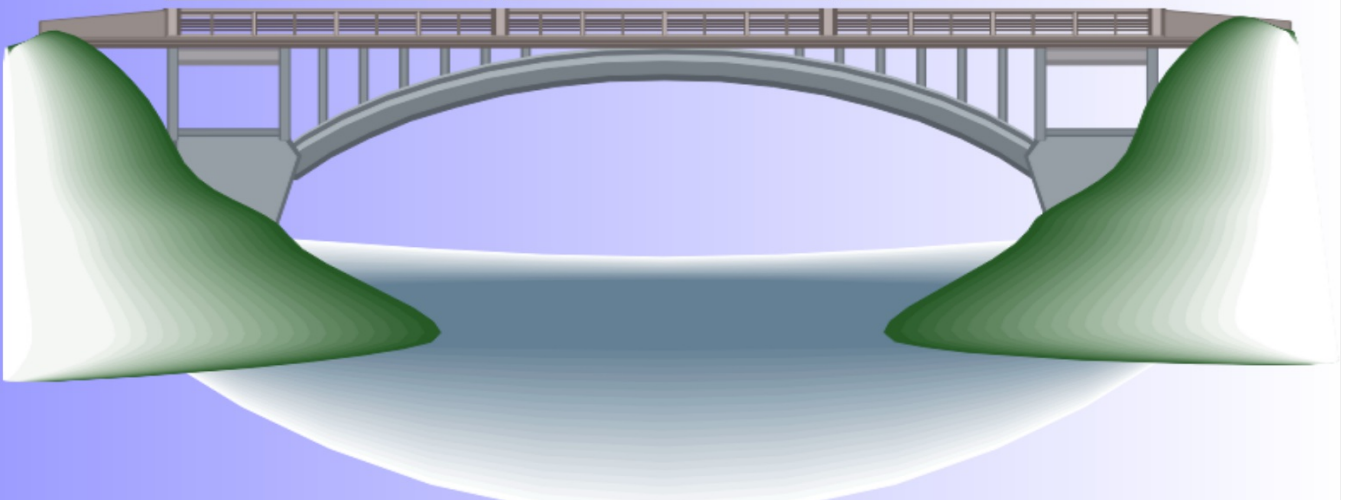
LO: Can I identify the features of poetry?



I understand the
features of
poetry

I know a range
of poetic devices

I can interpret a
poem



The first question we must ask ourselves is: What is poetry?

What makes a piece of writing/text a poem?

Is it the language?

The author?

The style?

The subject matter/content?

What do you think?

A form of writing in which the writer is concerned with the organisation of lines as well as the meaning of words.

Encyclopaedia Britannica

*Poetry is what gets
lost in translation.*

Robert Frost

Poetry is the record of the best and happiest moments of the happiest and best minds.

Percy Bysshe Shelley

Poetry is the spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings... recollected in tranquillity.

William Wordsworth

The second question we need to ask is:
What makes a poem a good poem?

Does it matter who wrote it?

Does it matter what it is about?

Does it matter what style it is in?

Does it matter if it rhymes?

Does it matter how old it is/when it was written?

Who decides if a poem is 'good' or not?

Now look at the PowerPoint.

Think about these questions as you go through.



Features of Poetry (you now know)

Stanza- similar to the paragraph and verse.

Rhyme- repetition of the same or similar sounds at the end of lines.

Alliteration- uses consonants or vowels at the beginning of a word (acts as a musical rhythm)

Simile- something like or as..

Metaphor- Compare something without as or like

Personification- gives human features when it is not human

Imagery- Spark off the senses to create an image

Reflection

Does it matter if the poem is about a big, important theme (love/death/nature/war)?

Does it matter how long it is?

Let's have a look at one more poem and use the features we discussed when we looked at 'The Jabberwocky' to annotate it.

The poem is called 'The Masterplan'
What could it be about?

Have a go at these questions which are
on your sheet



How should they sing it today?



What do you think the Masterplan
is about?



Why do you think the author of
this poem chose to use the line
'cast your words away upon the
waves?'

Just remember that poetry comes in many forms, we will be discussing this poem this afternoon so make sure the work is completed.



