

TP-CASTT Poetry Analysis

T	<p>Title: Before reading the poem, make a prediction about what the poem is about based on the title.</p>
P	<p>Paraphrase: Translate the poem line by line into your own words. Look for complete thoughts and look up unfamiliar words.</p>
C	<p>Connotation: What words or phrases stick out to you? Look for patterns and figurative language, imagery, and sound elements.</p>
A	<p>Attitude/Tone: Notice the speaker's attitude toward the subject of the poem. This is the author's tone.</p>
S	<p>Shifts: As you look for patterns, also look for contrasts or shifts/changes in poem. Look for changes in language, attitude, setting/imagery, mood, punctuation, other literary devices.</p>
T	<p>Title: Examine the title again. What does it mean now that you've read the poem? Did the meaning of the title change?</p>
T	<p>Theme: State what the poem is about (subject) and what the poet is trying to say about subject (theme).</p>