

What is poetry?

- Poems are highly concentrated forms of literature and poets are highly skilled at harnessing the power of words
- The reader is as important to the meaning of poem as the writer

What is the point of poetry?

Poetry provides writers with the opportunity to:

- Argue for political and social change
- Capture the human experience of important moments in history
- Help us understand the lives and experiences of people from other cultures and traditions
- Explore the universal human experience of grief and loss

A metaphor has three parts:

1. Tenor
The thing you want to try and describe to your audience.
2. Vehicle
The imaginative idea you compare it with to help your audience understand it. This is the 'made up' bit.
3. Ground/s
The things the tenor and the vehicle have in common.

Poems that capture the human experience of important moments in history

Thomas Hardy: He was highly critical of much in Victorian society. "The Man He Killed" was written in response to the Boer War. Hardy suggests that killing in war is futile and absurd.
Wilfred Owen: Is generally considered to be the greatest war poet. He fought and died on the front line and experienced, first hand, the true horror of war. He wrote *Dulce et Decorum est* to expose the horrors of war.

It is important to note that poems about war can serve a number of purposes: Some, like Pope's 'who's for the Game?' can be viewed as pro-war propaganda, whereas others wanted to open their reader's eyes to the horror and suffering endured in war and the effect of war upon the individual.

Poems that argue for political and social change

William Blake: Blake was a Romantic Poet who believed that social reform was necessary to achieve true freedom. He despised the restrictions put in place by large institutions such as the Church and the monarchy.



TIER 3 VOCABULARY

anaphora

when the start of line is repeated

couplet

a pair of lines that may rhyme

enjambment

when a sentence is continued over more than one line

quatrain

a 4-line stanza

symbol -ism, -ic

an image that represents an abstract idea

tone

the general feeling or mood

Futile	Adj: incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
Propaganda	Noun- information, especially of a biased or misleading nature, used to promote a political cause or point of view.
Patriotism	Noun- the quality of being patriotic; devotion to and vigorous support for one's country
Dehumanising	deprive of positive human qualities.