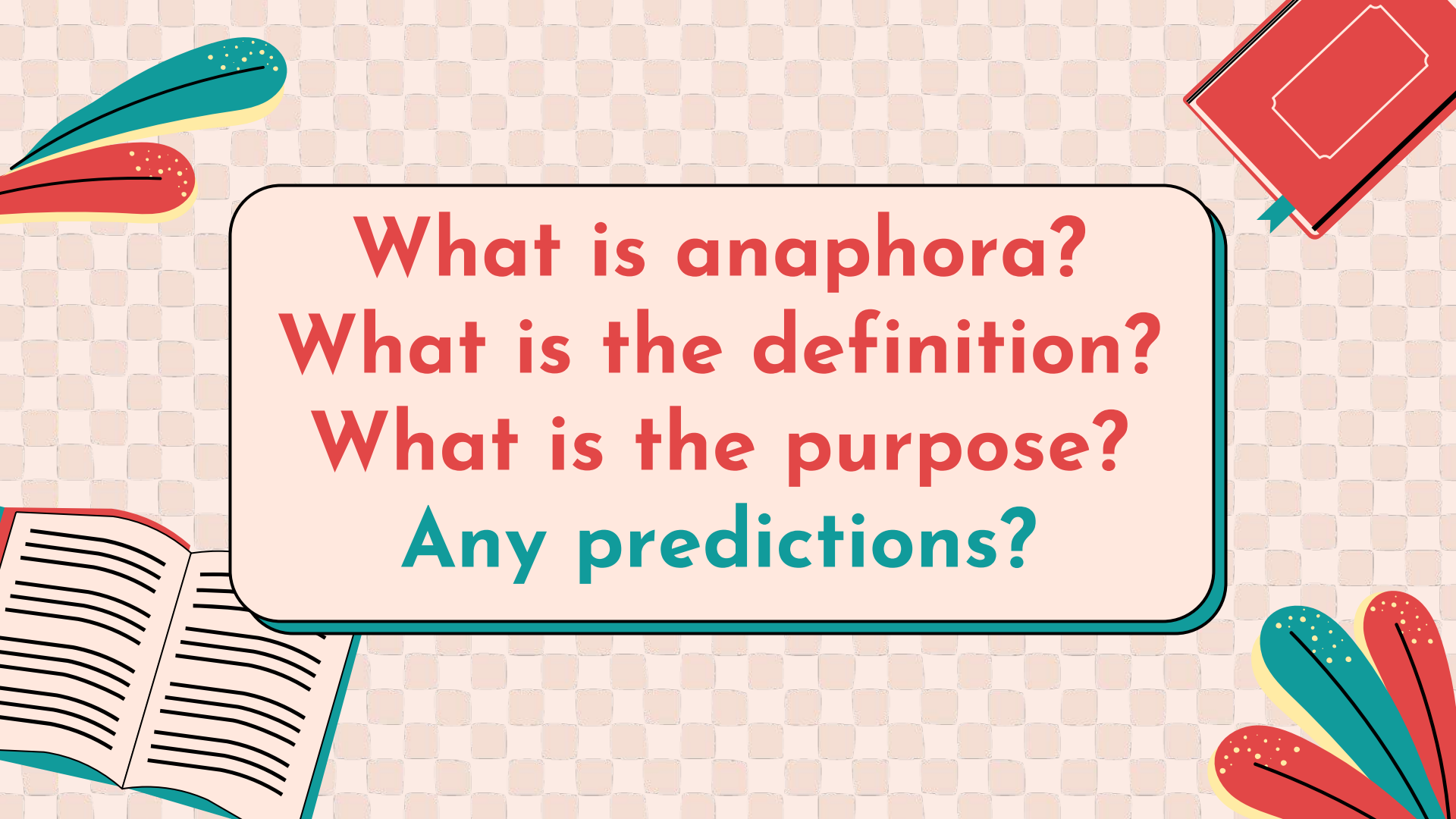




POETRY UNIT 2: ANAPHORA LESSON



What is anaphora?
What is the definition?
What is the purpose?
Any predictions?



I Can Statements

I can define anaphora and metaphor,
and identify them in a poem.

I can explain the meaning of

What is anaphora?

Anaphora is the repetition of a word or sequence of words at the beginning of a line. The repetitiveness of the words makes them easier to remember and gives the text a more rhythmic sound. The purpose is to emphasize the meaning behind the writing or evoke strong emotions in the reader.



WHEN IS ANAPHORA USED?

1

PROSE

2

SONG LYRICS

3

SPEECHES

4

POETRY

ANAPHORA IN PROSE

Charles Dickens, a famous author, used anaphora quite a bit in his writing. One of the most recognized examples is in his book, *A Tale of Two Cities*:

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair.

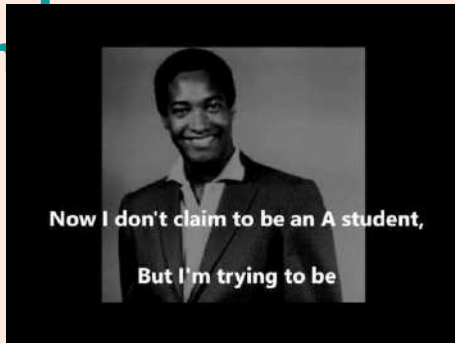


FEELING?

Causes a feeling of uncertainty for the reader, but pulls him/her into the story!

ANAPHORA IN SONG LYRICS

Sam Cooke emphasizes
his love by using
What feeling
anaphora:
ton



What about these
lyrics?



ANAPHORA IN SPEECHES

**British Prime Minister, Winston Churchill,
used anaphora in a speech during World
War II:**

**We shall fight in France, we shall fight on the
seas and oceans, we shall fight with growing
confidence and growing strength in the air, we
shall defend our island, whatever the cost may
be.**



FEELING?

Inspires unity among the audience of
soldiers and brings hope!

ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS EXAMPLES OF ANAPHORA IN A SPEECH!

LISTEN!



Let's take a look
at the written
speech!



REPEATED WORDS & PHRASES

**One hundred
years later**

Call attention to
how long this
struggle has been
going on

I have a dream

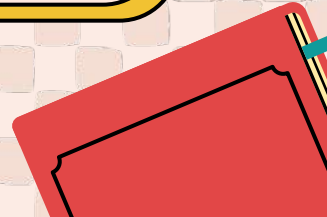
Emphasizes the
hopes he has for
the future

**With this
faith**

Highlights his trust
that things will
improve

**Let freedom
ring**

Inspires a vision of
freedom for all



ANAPHORA IN POETRY

Love (Anaphora)

Love is God's infinite love.
Love is His love from above.
Love is a child's smile.
Love is to think of loved ones thru the miles.
Love is to watch a beautiful rose open.
Love is the pursuit of peace among men.
Love is the birth and re-birth of all life.
Love is to find hope among strife.
Love is true devotion to a loved one, and a dear friend.
Love is God's divine love that has no end.

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Dorian Petersen Potter



PLANNING FOR ANAPHORA POEMS

You are going to write an anaphora poem about yourself. Look at these options or come up with your own!

“I am...”

“My body is...”

“I consist of...”





PLANNING FOR ANAPHORA POEMS

Consider ways that you can describe yourself and your personality. What things are most important to you? How would others describe you?

How can you represent those things without saying “I am” Let me show you what I mean...



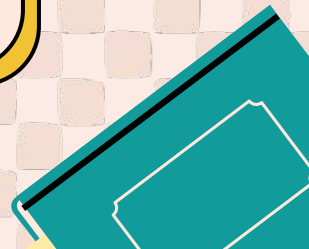


1



stubborn

Last leaf to fall off the tree in
the fall





2

organized

A beehive

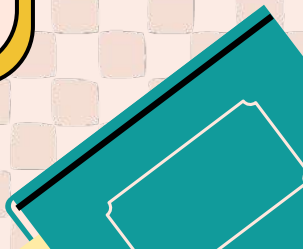





3

energetic

The seeds of a dandelion that
continue to dance across the
land in the slightest breeze.

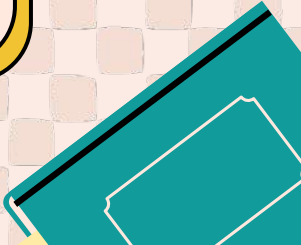





4

strong

Water rushing over the rapids



Anaphora Example

Anaphora Poem

By Mrs. Kelly

I am like the water rushing over the rapids.

I am like the last leaf to fall off the tree in autumn.

I am like a beehive constructed of perfectly matched hexagons.

I am like a sunflower that opens wide to the sun, only to close and go limp when the sun stops shining.

I am like the rings of a tree trunk that can't lie about its age.

The background is a light beige and white checkerboard pattern. Scattered around the central text box are several stylized illustrations: an open book with a pink cover and yellow pages in the top left; a closed book with a teal cover in the top right; an open book with a red cover and white pages in the middle right; a closed book with a teal cover in the bottom left; and several stylized leaves in teal and red with yellow outlines and small yellow dots, scattered throughout the corners and sides.

You're Turn!
Try to come up with at
least 5!



WRITING AN ANAPHORA POEM

Turn to page 95 in your Poet's Journal and let's turn our ideas into an anaphora poem!







WRITING AN ANAPHORA POEM

If you finish that
anaphora poem, use
another sheet from the
back of your Poet's
Journal and try this one!
Write a poem about
what bugs you.

What Bugs Me

When my teacher tells me to write a poem tonight.
When my mother tells me to clean up my room.
When my sister practices her violin while I'm watching TV.
When my father tells me to turn off the TV and do my homework.
When my brother picks a fight with me and I have to go to bed early.
When my teacher asks me to get up in front of the class and read the poem I wrote on the school bus this morning.





SHARING YOUR ANAPHORA POEMS

IN PARTNERS OR SMALL GROUPS, SHARE THE
POEMS YOU WROTE



Extra Anaphora Lesson (15-20 minutes)

Anaphora Poem

The repetition of a word or phrase
at the beginning of a poem.

I am...

I remember...

If I had a
million dollars...
Where I'm from...

In the future...
10-12 lines

My Music

