

The Bells

by Edgar Allan Poe

8th Language Arts

Bouchard

Tone vs. Mood

- Let's look at the worksheet on Tone vs. Mood
- Mood is the effect of the author's words and tone on the reader. It is the feeling the author creates using
- Tone is the expression of the author's attitude toward a subject and contributes to the mood

“The Bells” by EAP

Which go together?

Newborn

“In the silence of the night,/

How we shiver with affright”

Death

“What a world of merriment

their/ melody foretells!”

Life Problem/Crisis

“What a world of happiness

their/ harmony foretells!”

Wedding

“How the danger ebbs and

flows;”

Music is Poetry?

Edgar Allan Poe once said that music with a pleasurable idea is poetry. What does this mean?

Music or melodic words and sounds is very important to poetry.

Listening to the melodic sounds and rhythm of the words of a poem often tells you a great deal about the poem that you might not have learned by simply reading it.

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- We will listen to the poem now
- <http://knowingpoe.thinkport.org/writer/thebells.asp>

As we listen, try to determine the difference between the four stanzas. Underline words that stand out to you. Do you notice a pattern?

What do you notice about the organization of the poem?

I will assign each group a stanza – from all of your observations, determine the meaning, tone, and mood. Write this down in complete sentences.

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We will reread the poem. Now, color-code the poem for different poetic elements.

1 Color = Onomatopoeias

1 Color = Alliteration

1 Color = Repetition

1 Color = Assonance

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Answer the following questions in complete sentences:

1. What is onomatopoeia? Identify THREE examples of onomatopoeia in the poem.
2. What is alliteration? Identify THREE examples of alliteration in the poem.
3. What is assonance? Identify THREE examples of assonance in the poem.
4. Identify THREE example of repetition in the poem.
5. How does the meaning of the bells change over the course of the poem?
6. "The Bells" is a lyric poem, a musical poem that expresses a feeling. What feeling is being expressed?
7. What are the four different bells of which Poe writes? Is there any symbolic significance here?
8. How did the use of sound devices add to the poem?