

TP-CASTT Poetry Analysis

- Title: Consider the title and make a prediction about what the poem is about.
- Paraphrase: Translate the poem stanza by stanza into a way you can understand it.
- Connotation: Examine the poem for meaning beyond the literal. Look for figurative language, imagery, and sound elements.
- Attitude/Tone: Notice the speaker's tone and attitude. Humor? Sarcasm?
- Shifts: Note any shifts or changes in speaker or attitude. Look for key words, time change, punctuation.
- Title: Examine the title again, this time on an interpretive level.
- Theme: Briefly state in your own words what the poem is about (subject), then what the poet is saying about the subject (theme).