

Do Now

*Please
copy the
poem.
Pay
special
attention
to line
breaks
and
punctuati
on!*

Nothing Gold Can Stay **By Robert Frost, 1874 – 1963**

Nature's first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf's a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf.
So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to day.
Nothing gold can stay.



How to Read a Poem in 8 Steps

Predict

Look at the title of the poem and make a prediction of what you think the poem might be about.

Recite

Read through the poem one time (preferably aloud) without stopping to analyze it.

Summarize

Summarize the poem.

Does it tell a story?

Does it describe something?

Connect

Does this poem remind you of something from your own experience or from something you've read?

Research

Look up the meaning of unknown words.

Explore

What are the memorable images?

What figurative language is used?

Poetic devices?

What is the tone or mood of the poem?

Look for Poetic Devices

Structure:

Stanzas: Number of lines? How many?

Form: Sonnet, Haiku, Free Verse, etc.

Figurative Language: Metaphor, Simile, etc.

Unusual punctuation or capitalization.

Revisit

Reread the poem slowly.

Look for the turning point or crucial moment.

Find the Crucial Moment

Many times poems have moments where everything seems to change

look for words like “but” or “yet”

Analyze

What are the messages
and themes of this poem?
(What is it really about?)

Now you try it!

- I am going to display another Robert Frost poem, “Fire and Ice.” Please use the 8 steps of reading a poem with your groups to this new poem.
- If you finish early, poem in the style of Frost or with a theme similar to one of the poems we read today. Illustrate if you have time.

Fire and Ice

Robert Frost

Some say the world will end in fire,
Some say in ice.

From what I've tasted of desire
I hold with those who favor fire
But if it had to perish twice,
I think I know enough of hate
To say that for destruction ice
Is also great
And would suffice.



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