7:2 World Poetry Unit



In this unit students will be exploring poems from around the world, how they present critical issues such as prejudice and how poems can be empowering, emotional and carefully crafted to create meaning. This builds on and furthers student's work in the previous unit, (where they explored their own identity and voice) by considering the voices of others.

Our Golden Threads

Wider Weblinks	Understanding poetry - KS3 English - BBC Bitesize BBC - Poetry Season - Homepage - Explore poetry and discover the Nation's Favourite Poet
Homework	Seneca
Control of purpose and tone in writing	Addressing the question throughoutUse of formal language.
Vocabulary	 Be able to use a variety of different verbs to explore the effect on the reader (particularly synonyms for 'show') Use a range of comparative connectives Use poetic terminology
Control of paragraph organisation	 Use of introductory and concluding paragraphs. Clear use of controlled paragraphs for different points. Clear use of discourse markers for new paragraphs.
Planning	Annotating poems clearly, using the PETER paragraph structure to help note down evidence, techniques and effects.

The Golden Product

Students are working towards a comparison of two poems, using PETER (Point – Evidence – Technique – Effect on the Reader)

Using insightful points that show personal interpretation of the poems and compare them to one another.

Half-Caste, by John Agard and Prejudice by Tim Minchin, both react to the ways in which people have treated them badly because of their appearance. Both poets ridicule those that mock them, illustrating that they are in fact intelligent, capable individuals and that those that abuse them are in fact foolhardy and illogical.

Using quotation marks and embedding quotes into sentences.

For instance John Agard asks if when you 'mix a black key wid a white key is a half-caste symphony'

Embedding the naming of techniques into explanations of the effect on the reader.

A rhetorical question which illustrates the ridiculousness of thinking that mixing things together (such as ethnicities) creates something negative, because symphonies are highly complex works of music created by the most capable artists.

Exploring the effect on the reader in detail and proving with further evidence.

Agard's wit and bold questioning makes me think he is far cleverer than the racists who call him names and the array of different examples of colour mixing that he gives (Picasso's paintings, Tchaikovsky, the sky) evidences his own knowledgeableness and that he is a well educated and intelligent man.

Comparison between poems

Tim Minchin, on the other hand, uses comedy....

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of these things carefully.

Poetry: key elements of poetry: **Connectives: Comparative** A literary work in which feelings and **Showing Difference: Showing Similarity:** ☐ Alliteration Hyperbole ideas are expressed and given Alternatively Additionally ☐ Simile Onomatopoeia by contrast intensity by the use of distinctive style Also Metaphor ☐ Tone differs from and rhythm. Poems are **shaped to** as well Rhyme Elsewhere □ Voice Even organise and highlight social, even so ■ Stanza Personification **Furthermore** emotional, historical, political or However ☐ Dialect ☐ Rhythm in contrast in addition personal moments in time and intend in other respects Enjambement ■ Symbol Indeed to leave a lasting **emotive impression** in spite of this ☐ Structure Moreover Imagery in that respect on the reader. not only ☐ Tone ■ Voice Nevertheless on the contrary Voice / Speaker: Clever structures or interesting on the other hand Consider carefully the voice being used in approaches: Rather a poem. Is it the writer's own or are they Whereas ■ Flashbacks Yet trying to imagine they are someone else? Add A SPICE to your Sentences! ☐ Repetitive Structures (chorus) Instead in fact Purpose, Author and Audience: ☐ Use of rhyme schemes The purpose of a poem varies, but in all Searing, shocking, boiling pain flooded his mouth! ■ Breaking of rhyme schemes instances the poet is trying to express **SiMile** ☐ Cyclical Structures Like a volcano, the pain erupted. events and emotions. When looking at poem the purpose effects the language Preposition ☐ Unfinished lines, sentences or In his mouth, the chillies danced. choices and structure, but so does the Cursing and wailing, he dived for a glass of water. other jarring structures to show Ng Verb identity of the author and the audience **CONNective** But there was hope! emotion or events. who they are trying to reach. Consider all Enjambement

ed verb

Relieved, he drank the water.

7.2 Vocabulary Boost



Defiantly

Adverb

Disobedience or refusal to obey

"No way!" she screamed defiantly

Diverged

Verb

To go in a different direction.

Her ideas diverged from the norm, but they were brilliant.

Haughtiness

Adjective

The appearance of being arrogant or thinking you are superior to others.

He looked down on everyone else in the class with a haughtiness his father had taught him.

Hurricane

Noun]

A storm with a violent wind

The hurricane brewing in the Atlantic was nothing compared to her anger.

Infirmary

Noun

A hospital

They rushed him straight to the infirmary when they saw his leg was broken.

Prejudice

Noun

To judge someone before meeting them based on your ideas/beliefs about them.

He was full of prejudice and hated me before I even set foot in his classroom.

Savage

Adjective

Fierce, violent or uncontrolled (like an animal)

The defeat was savage. 9-0 wasn't just a win, it was a triumph.

Testified

Verb

To give evidence as a witness

She testified to my guilt, even though it was a bare-faced lie.

Transformation

Verb

A marked change in nature or appearance.

The student's transformation was remarkable, over the course of a year they had turned from class-clown to class champion.

Start your thinking...

I stood there feeling...

He was...

As I stood in the woods, I...

I looked at her and saw...