
High School Poetry Syllabus

Unit One	Approaching Poetry What is Poetry? Listening to Poetry The Language of Poetry The Meaning of a Poem
Unit Two	Understanding Poetry Elements of Poetry Figures of Speech Approaching a Poet Imagery Meter Rhyme Sound Devices Narrative Poetry: The Ballad
Unit Three	Creating Poetry Poets' Life and Work Formulaic Poems The Catalogue The Clerihew The Cinquain The Diamante Surprising Poems Concrete Poetry Found Poetry Lyric Poetry Haiku Repetitive Poetry Villanelle Pantoum Triolet Sestina Centos Sonnet Poetry Field Trip

Unit Four	Analyzing Poetry Research Incorporating Literary Criticism
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Portfolio items
Synthesis of Sources

Unit Five Entering the Poet's World
 Preparations
 Presentations
 Portfolios
 Research Papers

Unit Six Celebrating Poetry
 Poetry Day
 Poetry Contest
 Readings
 Workshops
 Publication
 Favorite Poem Project
 Contests
 Submissions
 Assessment
 Poetry Slam