

# Close Reading

Poetry



# Why Close Reading

- ❖ Allows students to get more involved in what they are reading
- ❖ Helps students notice features and language used by the author
- ❖ Students determine how the text is organized and emphasis the author's word choice

Step 1 - read the poem

Step 2 - what is it mostly about

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with your words.

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to grow up strong.

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I became the words I ate in you.

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Step 5 - Main Idea of each stanza

Step 6 - Identify the THEME

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