

Put this in your compbook: We are going to work on our poem for exactly 25 minutes using parts of The System. You will need to work very quickly. Do not stress or worry about your work. Just keep moving.

Title: Brainstorm for every possible association that you have with your title. (2 minutes)

Gist of the Whole Poem: Summarize the poem in one or two sentences (3 minutes)

Shifts: Mark a “/” next to every shift in the poem. Note shifts in tone, subject, situation, diction. (5 minutes)

Attitude: What is the tone of the poem? (2 minutes)

Speaker: Who is the speaker/voice of the poem? (2 minutes)

Theme: What is the poem saying? What is the message? (3 minutes)

Title: Rethink the meaning of the title: (3 minutes)

Shifts: Write a **verb** beside each shift (marked with a “/”) (5 minutes)