

Please match the word with its definition or example:

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| 1. Alliteration | <u>I</u> | A A line of poetry |
| 2. Assonance | <u>F</u> | B The musical quality of a poem |
| 3. Rhyme | <u>M</u> | C Words that sound like what they mean. |
| 4. Verse | <u>A</u> | D A comparison of two things that uses the word "like" or "as" |
| 5. Stanza | <u>O</u> | E The patterned repetition of stressed and unstressed syllables in a line of poetry |
| 6. Meter | <u>E</u> | F The repetition of identical or similar vowel sounds. |
| 7. Rhyme scheme | <u>L</u> | G Words expanded beyond their usual, literal meaning (often includes metaphor, simile, and personification.) |
| 8. Simile | <u>D</u> | H A poet's attitude toward the subject of the poem |
| 9. Metaphor | <u>N</u> | I Dynamo Destroys Dirt! |
| 10. Tone | <u>H</u> | J "Sky lowered, and muttering thunder, some sad drops/Wept..." |
| 11. Rhythm | <u>B</u> | K Something concrete that stands for something else, like an idea. |
| 12. Onomatopoeia | <u>C</u> | L ABAB or AABB. |
| 13. Figurative Language | <u>G</u> | M Bed/head, tiring/inspiring |
| 14. Symbol | <u>K</u> | N "The march of the army was a drumbeat heard throughout the countryside." |
| 15. Personification | <u>J</u> | O A group of verses thought of as one piece of a poem |

What are the three main aspects of poetry to think about when analyzing a poem?

1. Form - (Stanzas, Verses, Meter, Rhyme Scheme type of poem) [aka "structure"]
2. Sound - (Alliteration, Assonance, Rhyme, Rhythm, Tone)
3. Meaning - (Simile, Metaphor, Symbolism, Imagery, Message).

Using the poem provided below, please describe its meaning and how this meaning is created.

We Real Cool - Gwendolyn Brooks

THE POOL PLAYERS.
SEVEN AT THE GOLDEN SHOVEL.
bar?

We real cool. We
Left school. We
alliteration
Lurk late. We
Strike straight. We
rhyme
Sing sin. We
Thin gin. We

Jazz June. We
Die soon.

1. Form: 5 stanzas
1 = setting.
2-5 = description.

2. Sound
ending with "we" changes the rhythm
made it more jazzy (like the music in the bar?)
We real cool. *Sounds more*
We left school. *more*
(Notice overlap: Form/Sound)

3. Meaning - Imagery - some
Message: Don't waste life. ?
Carpe diem ?
Lots of possible messages
Sing-song childlike + emphasizes the "We" - not the Lurk, etc.

this line doesn't rhyme to itself or have alliteration, so it stands out.