

WHAT'S INSIDE?

ANALYZE FORM & STRUCTURE IN A POEM OR DRAMA

7th grade

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PRINTABLE PDFs covering the 7th grade text complexity band for Poems and Dramas.

- Anchor chart and question sets
- Color coding to encourage students to use text evidence
- AND two assessments on fiction reading passages

Printable Slides
Included



12 DRAMAS & POEMS

- Learn in color! Visual cues reinforce text evidence.
- Teachers can quickly check student work.
- Variety of poem and drama structures to spark comprehension AND curiosity.
- Dive into literary themes including realistic, historical, and fantasy.



QUESTIONS

- Skill-focused, scaffolded questions
- Multiple choice and short answer
- Preps students for state testing
- Rigorous and research-based approach to questioning



Analyze Form & Structure in a Poem or Drama Name: _____ Date: _____
Answer the following questions. Underline or highlight the text evidence in the color indicated.

1. What is the overall form of the poem?
a. free verse
b. ode
c. ilmerick
d. sonnet

2. What is the rhyme scheme of the poem?
a. ABAB
b. ABBA
c. AABB
d. ABCB

3. How is the chosen form of is this form a good choice?
The chosen form structure with short affection and a because it allows in a concise way

POEM Analyze Form & Structure in a Poem or Drama Name: _____ Date: _____
A Beloved Book

Oh, treasured tome
the pearl of my collection,
the escape you provide
has my full affection.

You adorn my shelf,
such adventure in your pages,
a trophy marking trips
that free me from my cages.

Between your gilded covers,
I play the hero role.
I take up many quests
that feed my hungry soul.
I outsmart evil
I beat the odds

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4. This question has two parts. First, answer Part A. Then, answer Part B.

Part A: What impacts the pacing of this poem?
a. the 4-line stanza organization
b. the repetition of words
c. the use of figurative language
d. the absence of line breaks

Part B: What other structure works with the answer to Part A to impact the pacing?
a. varied line lengths
b. the rhyme scheme
c. alliteration
d. a repeated refrain

5. Describe the effect using this form and structure has on the reader's feelings about books.
The form and structure of the poem evoke a positive and enthusiastic feeling in the reader towards books. The rhythmic flow and iambic pentameter scheme make the poem engaging and easy to read, mirroring the enjoyable experience of reading a beloved book.

ANCHOR CHART

- Anchor chart breaking down poem and drama structure
- Practice passage and warmup activity sheet
- Use to introduce the skill
- Students reference throughout the unit
- Use in student journal as a reference

The collage features several educational worksheets. The central worksheet, titled "Analyze Form & Structure in a Poem", includes a diagram of "Six Forms of Poems" and a table of "Poem Structures".

Six Forms of Poems

- Ballad**: a narrative poem that tells a story through song
- Limerick**: a five-lined, humorous poem with an AABBA rhyme scheme
- Sonnet**: a fourteen-lined poem with an ABABCDDEFEFGG rhyme scheme
- Free Verse**: a poem that does not adhere to a specific rhyme scheme, pattern, structure
- Ode**: a poem that expresses strong admiration or reverence for its topic
- Elegy**: a poem that expresses sorrow for someone who has died or a tragic event

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Analyze Form & Structure in a Drama

Readers analyze how a drama's form or structure contributes to its meaning. There are many forms of drama. Let's focus on four of them here.

Four Forms of Drama

- Tragedy**: presents serious and often sorrowful events that lead to a disastrous outcome for the main character
- Comedy**: aims to entertain and amuse the audience through humor and light-hearted situations
- Melodrama**: includes exaggerated emotions, simple morality tales, and dramatic plot twists
- Historical Drama**: provides insight into the past by depicting a historical setting, figures, and/or events

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Soliloquy	monologues that are spoken aloud when a character is alone, revealing inner thoughts and emotions

Analyze Form & Structure in a Poem or Drama

Fill in the graphic organizer to analyze how a drama's or poem's form or structure contributes to its meaning.

Drama or Poem Title: Autumn Time

Excerpt to be analyzed:
"Pumpkin spice this and pumpkin spice that, whatever you drink, it's tasty and hot. You may even wear a black witchy hat and people will fear you... or not."

Form:
Drama Tragedy Comedy Melodrama Poem Ballad Sonnet Ode Elegy

Structure: What is the structure of the text?
The structure of the text is short lines, repeated words, and a fun and easy to read.

Impact: What impact does the text have?
The chosen form of structure influences the tone, theme, characters, setting, and overall impact, and for meaning.

To analyze how a drama's form or structure contributes to its meaning:

- Carefully read the text and note the form and structure used.
- Ask:
 - Why do you think the author chose this form or structure?
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- Summarize your thoughts about how form and structure contribute to meaning.

ASSESSMENTS

- Same format as practice
- Two tests with different structures
- Color-coding
- Follows best practices for standardized assessments

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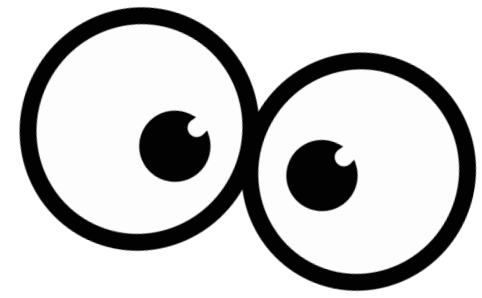
- Worksheets:** Multiple pages titled "Analyze Form & Structure in a Poem or Drama" with questions and handwritten answers. One question asks for the rhyme scheme of "Sweet Saturday", with the answer "ABAB" highlighted in green. Another question asks for the impact of a choice from Part A, with the answer "A suspenseful tone is created as readers/viewers watch what unfolds" highlighted in green.
- Poem:** A page titled "POEM Sweet Saturday" with the text:

Oh, sweet Saturday,
joyous finale of the week,
you stretch before me
with the freedom I seek.
No alarms announce
a mandated time
to drag me from slumber
with an irksome chime.
I revel in the warmth
of my quilted nest,
burrowing ever deeper
into dreamy rest.
When I've had my fill
of extra sleeping mode,
I dress in comfy clothes
and skulk through my abode.
Oh, weekend ways
I love thy leisurely pace.
It feels so heavenly
to forget the weekday race.
Dearest Saturday,
you let me enjoy life
away from the chaos,
tension, and strife.
- Drama Script:** A page titled "DRAMA A Mapmaking Mission" with the text:

Cast: Narrator, Captain Ethan Willows, John, Oxford, Numae, crew members
ACT I:
Scene 1:
Setting: 1578, the shores of a newly "discovered" island in the Atlantic Ocean
Narrator: Captain Ethan Willows has ordered the crew on his ship, *Steadfast*, to drop anchor after a perilous journey across the Atlantic Ocean.
Captain Willows: To the longboats, men! That shore to the west is our first scouting mission and take just enough supplies so we can make camp for the night.
Crew: (together) Aye, Captain!
(The crew scurries to carry out the captain's orders. John, the captain's son, slides up beside Captain Willows at the starboard bow.)
John: (stares at the shore) I cannot believe we finally see land before us.
Captain Willows: It starts to feel as if there is only ocean after months at sea, days.
John: Yes. I began to think we would only know ship life for the rest of our John's shoulders) I am proud of your strength on this long journey, of your hard work no matter the task, of your solid gut even on stormy seas. (grins and pokes John in the stomach)
John: What kind of a captain's son would I be if I emptied my stomach over the gunwales when the waves reared up? (pats his stomach, pride on his face) I am made of the same stuff you are.
Captain Willows: Indeed, you are, and tomorrow you will try your hand at mapmaking, my son. The king has sent us here to fill in those blank spaces, so the unknown is known.
(John hurries off to help with preparations to go ashore while the captain scans the land with his spyglass then makes notes and sketches on parchment.)

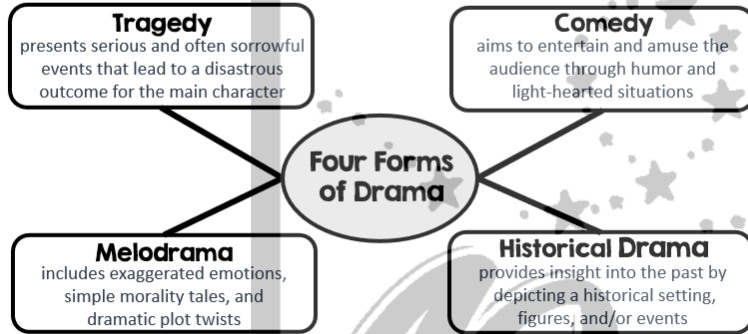
The documents are decorated with colorful markers (orange, teal, green), paper clips (purple, green, blue), and gold star stickers. A purple arrow points from the text on the left towards the documents.

TAKE A PEEK



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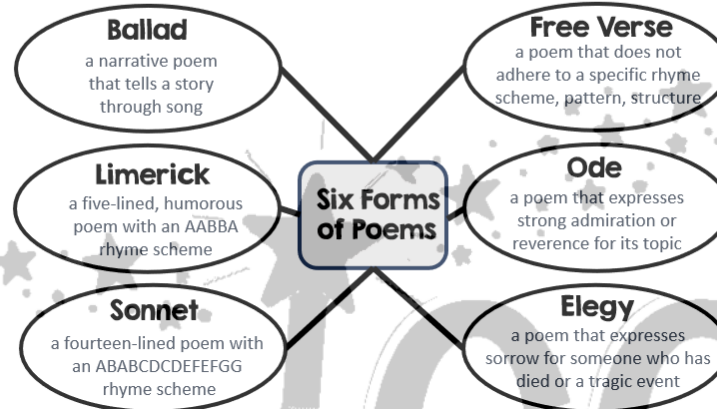
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Analyze Form & Structure in a Poem

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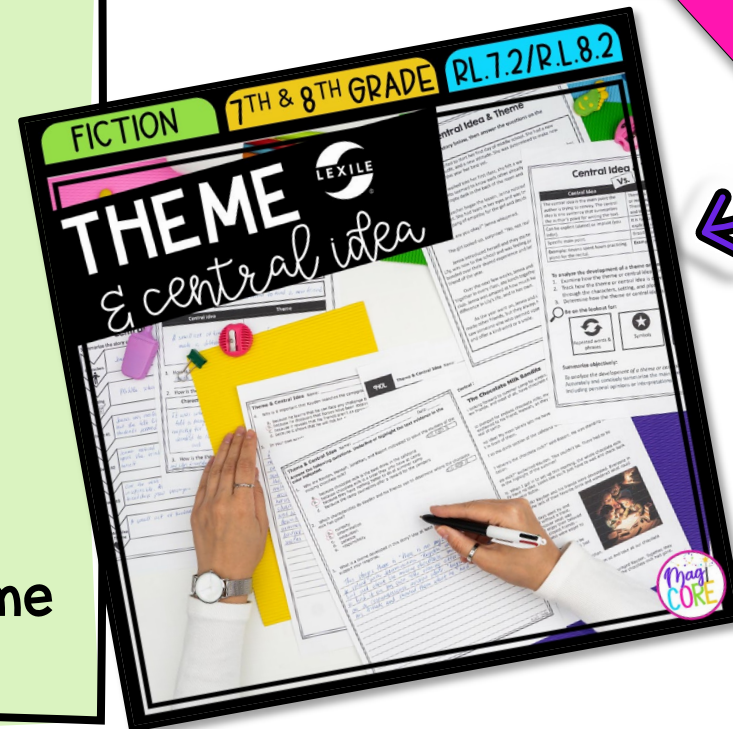
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Structure: What is special about the structure of this text?	
Impact: What impact does the chosen form or structure have on the meaning of the text?	
Interpretation: What do you think is the theme/message of the text? How does the text make you feel?	



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