

POETRY ANALYSIS

“THE GOSSIPS” BY THEODORE ROETHKE

PUZZLE PIECES IN THE BAG	<p>BEFORE YOU THE READ POEM, LOOK AT THE TITLE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What predictions can you make just from the title? 	
ASSEMBLE EDGE PIECES	<p>LOOK AT THE POEM ITSELF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many lines? • How many stanzas? 	
GROUPING SIMILAR PIECES TOGETHER	<p>DICTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose 3 words that are unfamiliar or stand out to you and define each. 	
GROUPING SIMILAR PIECES TOGETHER	<p>DICTION & CONNOTATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List all words or phrases that describe reptiles, beasts, predators 	
GROUPING SIMILAR PIECES TOGETHER	<p>IMAGERY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are 2 examples of imagery? Elaborate on their meaning. 	

LOOK AT THE FINISHED PUZZLE

PARAPHRASE

- Summarize the poem in your own words.

TONE / ATTITUDE

- What is the tone of the poem?
- Choose 1 tone word, then briefly explain why you chose it.

THEME

- What is the overall message of the poem?
What is Whitman trying to say?