

POETRY ANALYSIS

“A NOISELESS PATIENT SPIDER” BY WALT WHITMAN

PUZZLE PIECES IN THE BAG	<p>BEFORE YOU READ THE POEM, LOOK AT THE TITLE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What predictions can you make just from the title? • Initial thoughts about the poem? • What might be the theme of the poem? 	
ASSEMBLE EDGE PIECES	<p>LOOK AT THE PHYSICAL POEM ON THE PAGE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many lines? • How many stanzas? • Are there any other interesting physical features such as regular/irregular line lengths, unusual word placement, or capitalizations? 	
	<p>READ THE POEM</p> <p>DETERMINE RHYME AND METER, IF ANY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there a rhyme scheme? • Recognizable meter? • Can you identify a particular form? 	

GROUPING SIMILAR PIECES TOGETHER

READ THE POEM AGAIN. CLOSELY.

DICTION

- Choose 4 words that are unfamiliar or stand out to you and define each one.

IMAGERY

- What are 2 powerful examples of imagery? Elaborate on their meaning

SYMBOLISM

- What does the spider represent? Thoroughly explain your answer.

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.

SHIFT

- Is there a shift in the tone of the poem?
- Where is the shift?
- What does the tone shift to?

THEME

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