



# Thinking About Poems

## AS HISTORICAL ARTIFACTS

### Looking at THE POEM

*Look at the physical format and graphical elements. What do you see?*

*What is the overall message of the poem?*

*Highlight words or phrases that you find expressive. What about the language appeals to you?*

### Responding to THE POEM

*What are your personal reactions to the poem?*

*What makes this a poem?*

### Thinking about HISTORY

*Why do you think the poet wrote this poem? What clues do you find to suggest this?*

*For what audience was the poem written?*

*What does the poem tell you about what life was like during this period in history?*

WHAT MORE DO YOU WANT TO KNOW, AND HOW CAN YOU FIND OUT?