NHSG Key Stage 3 Unit Overview for Year 9 Unit 4 – Unseen Poetry



Scheme of Learning	Key Stage 3 Unit Overview for Year 9 – Unit 4
	Knowledge and understanding of:
	A range of poetic terminology
	How language shapes meaning
	The ideas and attitudes presented by the poets
	How a poem's structure can be analysed
Learning outcomes	
	Skill set:
	The skills needed to approach an unseen poem
	To develop confidence in using a range of poetic terminology
	To know how to analyse how language shapes meaning
	To examine the ideas and attitudes presented by the poet
Key Question	How do I approach an unseen poem to analyse the poet's use of language, structure and form to convey ideas?
	Knowledge:
	Knowledge of approaches to unseen poetry
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	Skills:
Knowledge	Analysing an unseen poem
knowledge	Annotating a poem in response to the question
	Using key language and structural terminology in analysis
	Choosing the best quotations to analyse
	Looking at ideas from alternative perspectives
	Key Terminology:
	• Anaphora
	• Caesura
	dramatic monologue

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	• lyric
	• sonnet
	Petrarchan
	• quatrain
	• octave
	• sestet
	• volta
	semantic field
	iambic pentameter
	end stop
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	Areas of sensitivity and language to avoid:
	The poems present different relationships and attitudes towards them which will need to be explored sensitively.
	Assessment:
	A timed essay about a single unseen poem, e.g. In 'First Frost' how does the poet present the speaker's feelings about
	love?
	Use of mini white board, hands down questioning, informal assessment of written work through teacher
	circulation.
	Assessment: Timed essay responding to the question
Ongoing Assessment	
	Key misconceptions:
	Context will <u>not</u> need to be written about in an answer relating to an unseen poem at KS3 or KS4. Students often
	assume that they need it.
	Homework:
	Revise spellings and key terms for a test
	Find and analyse an unseen poem
	Practise writing a response to an unseen poem

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Key Assessment	What formats/methods are you going to use i.e. in class written assessment?
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	Sequencing:
	 Students have studied poetry in years 7 and 8 and this builds on their skills by introducing the idea of analysing an unseen poem which is unfamiliar to them.
Clear sequencing of content	Key themes/ concepts:
	Annotating an unseen poem
	Writing an essay on an unseen poem
	How does this SoL help students access future learning?
	This will prepare students for studying GCSE English Literature paper 2 where they analyse two unseen
	poems and also analyse poems from an anthology.
Links to Careers	The ability to analyse methods used by writers links to any career in which it is necessary to infer meaning from
	written communication. It begins to develop students' own ability to express themselves creatively, which is a key
	skill for any career involving communication. Furthermore, it gives students a foundational understanding of the
	poetry of our literary 'canon', which is highly valued in contemporary society, thus broadening students'
	employment prospects.
	Careers – teacher, poetic, critic, lecturer, law etc.
Diversity and Inclusion	 Poems by different poets are studied including poets who are LGBTQ+ (Duffy) and poets of colour (e.g. Khalvati, Nichols).
Support	Students are provided with an outline sheet which includes definitions of key terms.
	The resources are all on SharePoint.
Challenge	Students interested in writing poetry are invited to join our KS3 Creative Writing club
	All student books contain a recommended reading list
	All students are encouraged to complete the '13 by 13' reading challenge
	Students could read more poems by the poets studied