

Part One: Begin by reading the poem in the left column. Then, use the prompts and questions in the right column to direct your analysis.

From *Song of Myself*

"I celebrate myself, and sing myself "

By Walt Whitman

I celebrate myself, and sing myself,
And what I assume you shall assume
For every atom belonging to me as good belongs to you.

5 I loaf and invite my soul,
I lean and loaf at my ease observing a spear of summer
grass

My tongue, every atom of my blood, form'd from this
soil, this air,
Born here of parents born here from parents the same,
and their parents the same,
I, now thirty-seven years old in perfect health begin,
Hoping to cease not till death.

10 Creeds and schools in abeyance,
Retiring back a while sufficed at what they are, but
never forgotten,
I harbor for good or bad, I permit to speak at every
hazard,
Nature without check with original energy.

Form

Define: Free-verse

3. _____

Cite Evidence: Analyze Whitman's style, look for evidence to describe how Whitman writes in Free-verse.

Speaker

4. Line 1-3. Who is the speaker of the poem?

Explain how the speaker is a representative for others?

Title: before reading

1. The title makes me think/ feel

Figurative Language:

5. Define personification:

Find two examples of personification in lines 4 and 5 and explain how they are used in the poem: _____

Paraphrase: Literal Meaning

2. Read the poem.

What is the poem about on a literal level?

Analyze: What connection is discussed in lines 6 and 7?

6. In the poem, the speaker identifies a connection between

_____ and _____

by discussing _____

<p>Unknown Vocabulary</p> <p>Creeds: _____</p> <p>Abeyance: _____</p> <p>Sufficed: _____</p> <p>Interpretation:</p> <p>7. Lines 10-13:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Attitude: Tone</p> <p>8. In the poem, the speaker feels _____ about life because _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>9. This is shown through the following lines (copy a quote):</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
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Theme: Central Idea or Insight About Life

10. List motifs (topics) the poem discusses:

Theme:

In one sentence, what is the poem stating about the human experience or the human condition?

Poem Analysis Summary

The poem "I celebrate myself, and sing myself" by Walt Whitman uses _____ and _____ (poetic devices) to illustrate/convey/reveal/explore (insert the main idea/theme or purpose of the poem) _____

The _____ used in the poem helps contributes to the theme because _____

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Whitman like Emerson and Thoreau use _____ to discuss _____

