

Aunt Jennifer's Tigers by Adrienne Rich

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Pre-Teaching Vocabulary

Tasks:

- Create a sentence for each new word, that shows your understanding of that word
- Write a short descriptive paragraph using all three words.

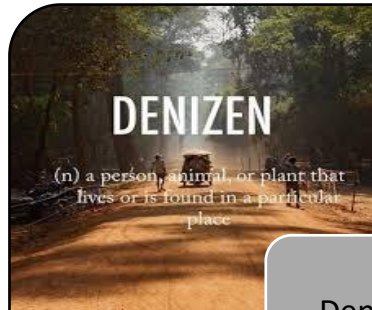


Sentence: Her eyes glowed like topaz.

Topaz

Definition: A precious stone

Synonyms: Pale blue



Sentence: Deer, foxes and squirrels are among the **denizens** of the forest

Denizen

Definition: a person, animal, or plant that lives or is found in a particular place

Synonyms: Inhabitant, occupant, dweller, native, local



Sentence: The older gentleman behaved chivalrously.

Chivalry

Synonyms: Gallantry, nobility, bravery, courtesy

Definition: the medieval knightly system with its religious, moral, and social code



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Bright topaz denizens of a world of green.
They do not fear the men beneath the tree;
They pace in sleek chivalric certainty.

Aunt Jennifer's finger fluttering through her wool
Find even the ivory needle hard to pull.
The massive weight of Uncle's wedding band
Sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand.

When Aunt is dead, her terrified hands will lie
Still ringed with ordeals she was mastered by.
The tigers in the panel that she made
Will go on prancing, proud and unafraid

Comprehending the poem

1. Summarise the poem in one sentence
2. Who is the speaker in the poem?
3. What do we find out about the tigers?

Colour	Verbs	Adjectives	Emotions

4. Find clues in the poem that reveal things about Aunt Jennifer, Uncle and their marriage

Information about Aunt Jennifer	Information about Uncle	Information about their marriage

Quote Quest: Inference Skills

Find a quote that shows.....	Quote
That Aunt Jennifer leads a comfortable middle-class life	
The Tigers in the needle-work are confident and strong	
Aunt Jennifer fears her husband	
Aunt Jennifer is physically weak	
Uncle controls Aunt Jennifer	

Comparing the tigers and Aunt Jennifer

Differences

Tigers

Similarities

Aunt Jennifer

Differences

Colour

Colour

Relationship with
men

Relationship with
men

Power

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Emotions

Emotions

Annotating a poem: Find the techniques

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Symbol

Personification

Structure

Rhyme

Exaggeration

Alliteration

Symbolism: What do these symbolise in the poem?

The Tigers



The Wedding Ring



Trees



Discussion: The Big Ideas of the Poem
What is the poem saying about.....

Marriage	Gender	Power
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Writing to Analyse

*Write a short paragraph using an **analytical verb** to discuss the big ideas of the poem*

Adrienne Rich may have written the poem **to criticise**.....

Adrienne Rich may have written the poem **to warn**.....

Adrienne Rich may have written the poem **to reveal the importance of**.....

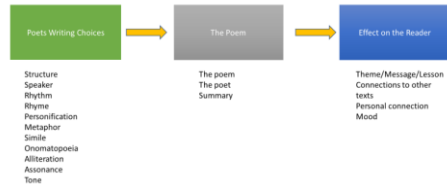
Linking and Connecting

Can you connect this poem to any other text you have studied in any other way? Theme, Technique, Story, Perspective

What mood is the reader left in after reading the poem?

Outrage	Sympathy	Pity	Critical
Approval	Satisfaction	Empathy	Anger
Anxiety	Disappointed	Thrilled	Uncomfortable
Negative	Unpleasant	Concern	Horrified
Respect	Admiration	Guilt	Irritation
Shocked	Distressed	Disgusted	Challenged
Justice	Injustice	Celebratory	Worried

How to Create Poetry Notes



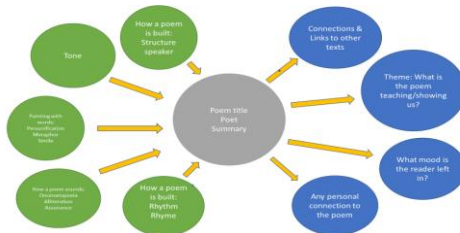
1. Purpose

- Why are you making the notes?
- Poets writing choices impact the poem which in turn impact the reader



2. Summarise

- Cut the information down to only the most essential bits- key words, key quotes, key techniques



3. Organise

- Organise your notes with your purpose in mind
- Poets writing choices impact the poem which in turn impact the reader



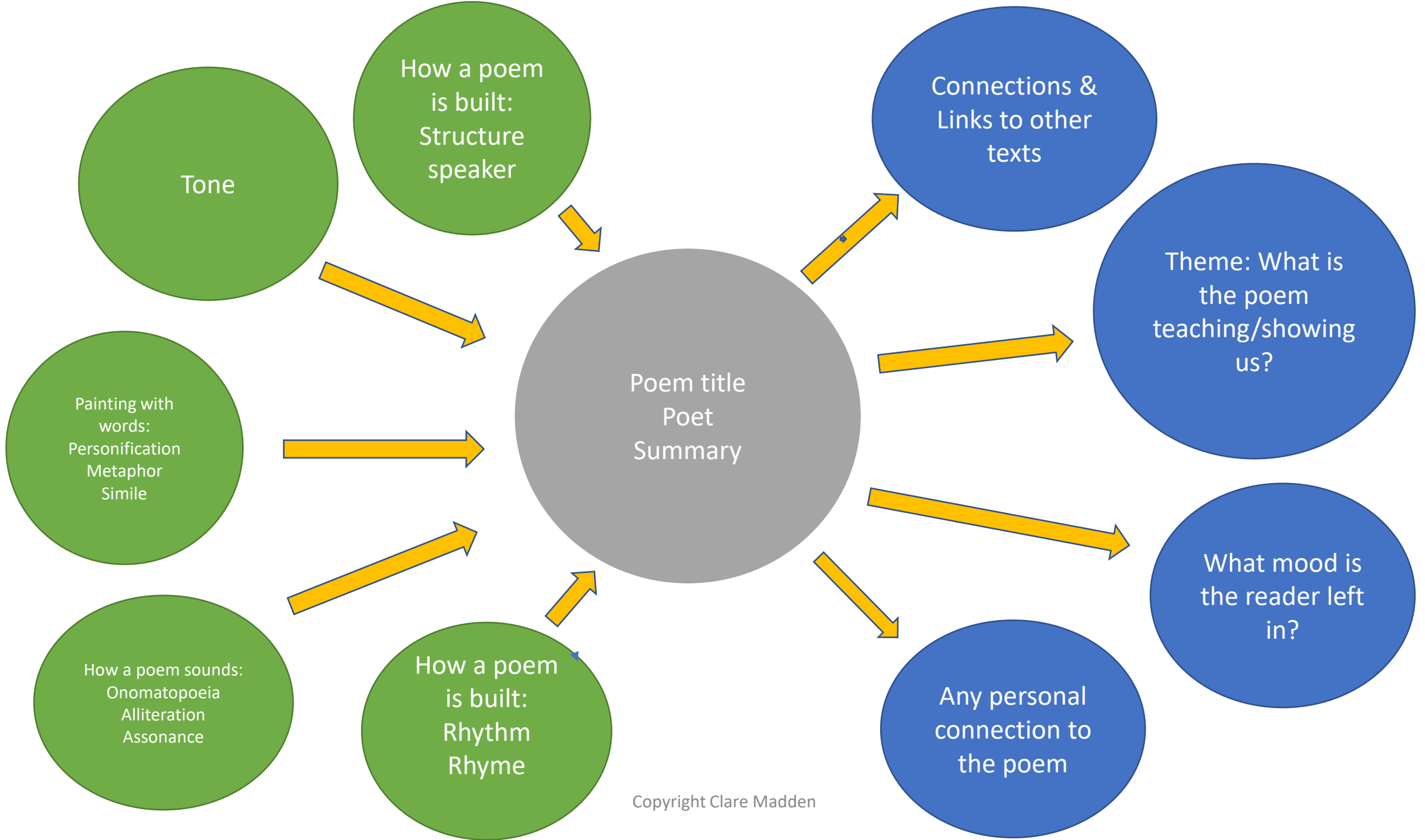
4. Layout

- Use a grid in the background to help with layout
- Use pencil for initial layout



5. Create

- Use marker and colour
- Use bullets, banners, connectors, containers and fonts
- Use the noun project.com or flaticons.com to help with images or create your own



Retrieval Practice



Brain Dump: Write down everything you know about this poem