

English Studies

The Poetry of Seamus Heaney

Dramatic Presentation and Essay

Dramatic Presentation

Your task is to work in a pair, or small group to present one of the poems by Seamus Heaney in the anthology to the remainder of the class in a dramatic fashion. Each group must also present an analysis of the poem which explains their presentation to the class and at the same time reveals what the poem teaches us about the poet.

As an individual you must read part of the poem and/or be involved in the analysis and interpretation, which follows.

CRITERIA FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE TASK

- ?? Is dramatic, so uses action, costume, sound, lighting, props, sets, moving pictures or still pictures to emphasize the meaning of the poem.
- ?? The poem is read fluently with appropriate emphasis.
- ?? The analysis of the poem should reveal a strong understanding of what it means, as well as an explanation of how the poet communicates this meaning. In other words, you need to explain how Heaney uses poetical techniques ie language to create rhyme, rhythm, alliteration, assonance ... and imagery ie similes and metaphors, to add impact.
- ?? State what you have learnt about Heaney the person from the poem you have studied and presented.

Due date:

ESSAY

‘The more we read of a poet’s work, the more we learn about the person revealed in the poetry.’

What have you learnt about Heaney from your reading of his poetry.