

## HELPS FOR WRITING ABOUT A POEM

1. Look for something strange, out of place, or odd
2. Look for turns in meaning.
3. Notice the subject matter in each stanza.
4. How is the poem organized around space or time?
5. Notice the patterns and repetitions.
6. Look carefully at the imagery and the tone these images create.
7. Look for contrasts: physical/mental, abstract/concrete
8. How does the title give clues about the poem.