

L.O.: to reflect on a poem and perform it

- I can read a poem aloud
- I can improve my performance
- I can listen to tips

I am a writer

Poem from Werewolf Club Rules by Joseph Coelho

I am the clash and collide of the stars
because I create worlds.

I am the awareness of the trees
because I hear the wind.

I am the sweat of a rainbow
because I refract all the colours.

I am the blood in a pen
because I ink arteries.

I am the blade in a sharpener
because I make nibs vanish.

I am the edge of a rubber,
rounded, worn and softened by mistakes.

I am the conversation of notes,
discussing melodies.

I am the holes in a flute,
knower of unknown tunes.

I am the skin of a drum.
Every hit, beat and bang
bouncing off me,
forming music from nothing.

Read this poem in your
head.

Now read it out aloud, don't
worry- no one's listening!

Anything you don't
understand, Google it or use
a dictionary please.

What do you notice about the rhythm of the poem?

Do you notice any patterns?

Now choose three images from the poem that you enjoyed. Why did you choose these three images? What did you like about them?

Read the questions below and answer them (in your head).

What is the poem **about**?

What is the **tone** of the poems?
Is it serious, or funny or thoughtful?

Does it **remind** you of anything or anyone?
How are they similar?
How are they different?

Who do you think this poem is written for?
Can you explain why you think this?

Can you guess anything about **the poet** from reading this poem?
What can you guess?

Do you **like** this poem?
What do you like about this poem?
Is there anything that you dislike about it?

Reflection on 'I am a Writer'

Write some of your thoughts about the poem as sentences.

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Watch the poet and author of 'I am a writer', Joseph Coelho, talk about how to perform a poem. As you watch the clip, make notes about Joseph Coelho's tips.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/english-ks1-ks2-understanding-poetry/zdwxbdm>

Your task

Now that you have studied the poem, thought about the meaning of the poem and listened to Joseph Coelho's tips, your task is to perform it out loud. Use everything you have learned in this lesson to make your performance as memorable as possible.

If you are an intelligent and courageous pupil that wants to achieve the best marks, rewards and feedback, I would like you to film it and email your performance in to school for me to watch.

