

LITERATURE

Worksheet for *Poetry for Young People: William Wordsworth, edited by Dr. Alan Liu*

For the following poems found in your book, complete this chart. As you read other poems not listed below, pay close attention because you'll be discussing them in class.

"The Two April Mornings"

Write the rhyme scheme of the first six stanzas.

Write one simile.

"Composed Upon Westminster Bridge, September 3, 1802"

Write one example of personification.

What is the setting of this poem?

"It Is a Beauteous Evening, Calm and Free"

Write one example of a simile.

Practice scansion on two lines of this poem. One line has been given for you as an example.

"Dear Child! Dear Girl! That walkest with me here,

If thou appear untouched by solemn thought,

Thy nature is not therefore less divine."

"Surprised by Joy"

Why do you think Wordsworth was surprised by joy?

How did he seem to feel after the realization of his experience of joy?

What hope do Christians have after the death of a loved one?

"The Stolen Boat," from Book 1

Which personal pronoun is used throughout this poem? To what is it referring? What literary device do we call this?

Does the poet accept responsibility for stealing the boat?

What words indicate that a journey was taken in the boat?