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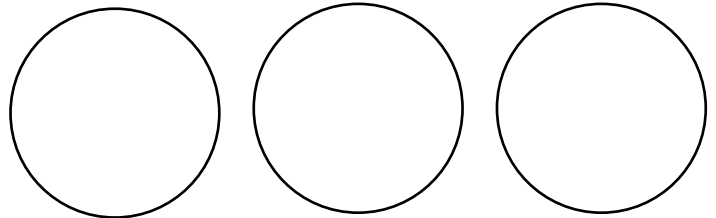
ELEMENTS of Poetry

Poetry is written to help us understand the world around us. List some of the things poetry can do.

PURPOSE

TYPES

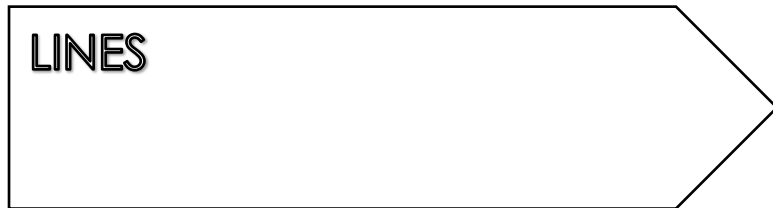
There are many different types of poetry. They may differ by style or structure.



Poems are arranged in a specific way. This specific arrangement is the **form** of the poem or the poem's **structure**.

FORMS

LINES



STANZAS



"I'm Nobody" by Emily Dickinson

I'm nobody! Who are you?
Are you nobody, too?
Then there's a pair of us – don't tell!
They'd advertise – you know!

How dreary to be somebody!
How public, like a frog
To tell one's name the livelong day
To an admiring bog!

POETIC DEVICES

Poetic devices are the essential tools a poet uses to add a musical quality to poetry. Poetic devices create rhythm, mood, and meaning.

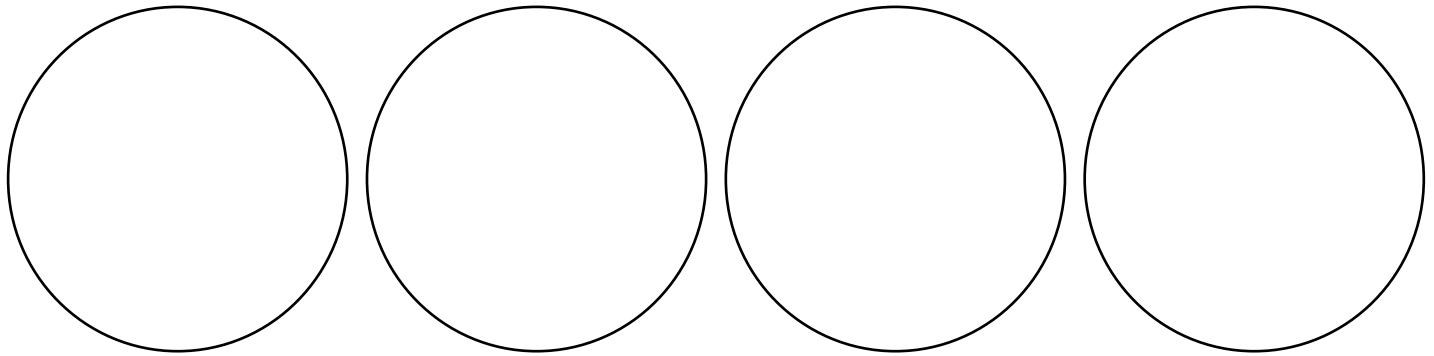
SOUND DEVICES

IMAGERY

FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE

When you read a poem, you can "hear" a poetic voice. The voice in a poem may have a unique point of view or attitude toward a subject.

POETIC VOICE

Four empty circles arranged horizontally, intended for students to write notes or examples related to poetic voice.

THEME

The theme of a poem is the message about life or human nature that the poem conveys. It is often made up of: