Understanding Poetry

Guided Viewing Questions

Answer in complete sentences.

1. What purpose did poetry serve before the printed word?
2. What are Epics? What is the oldest recorded epic that we still have part of?
3. Who was the first to analyze and theorize about poetry?
4. What does memetic mean? Explain the importance of this.
5. Poetry started as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. What is a ballad? Why is it still so popular?
7. What is a sonnet? How many kinds are there?
8. Sonnets are all about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
9. Who are the metaphysical poets?
10. What time frame were the metaphysical poets popular during?
11. What is the Enlightenment?
12. What are characteristics of metaphysical poets?
13. Who are the Romantic poets?
14. What time period were the Romanic poets popular during?
15. What are some characteristics of the Romanic poets?
16. What is American Transcendentalism?
17. When was Transcendentalism popular?
18. What are some characteristics of the transcendentalists?
19. According to this video, who is the most important poet of the 19th century? Why?
20. Who were Modernist poets? When were they popular?
21. What are some characteristics of modernism poetry?
22. Who were the beat poets and when were they popular?
23. What are characteristics of beat poetry?
24. What is slam poetry?
25. What is important to understand about poetry?