

Download Common Core Poetry Units

This page offers free reading and English language arts lesson and unit plans aligned with Common Core State Standards. This is the same core sequence of units and lessons that I follow with my seventh and eighth grade reading classes to prepare them to succeed on standardized tests and in high school; however, with a few tweaks I'm sure that ...3. Poetry Increases Students' Ability to Engage in Authentic Discussions . Another common misconception of the Common Core Standards is that text dependent questioning is the only type of questioning that is worthwhile. Although the Core requires students to dig deep into the text when participating in class discussions, we would be doing a serious disservice if all discussions were entirely scripted and teacher-centered, following the format of many existing close-reading exemplar units. Poetry is part of the common core. A closer look at the grade-level standards reveals that poetry, poetic language, and poetry terminology (e.g., stanza, sonnet) are specifically mentioned in all grades. But there's more to it than that. The ELA anchor standards (anchor standard number in parentheses)...In later units and grades, students will be pushed to think analytically and critically across poems, but in order to do so they need to understand the foundational aspects of poetry. Because the focus of this unit is on teaching students the foundational aspects of poetry, parts of this unit will feel more skill-based than others.