

Migration Poetry Analysis

Before you read the poem, read the poet's biography. List three details that might influence the poem.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

As you read the poem: Underline words/phrases that relate to historical facts
 Circle words/phrases that stir up emotions
 Place a question mark next to ideas that you don't recognize and may need to research

After you read the poem, answer the following questions:

1. What historical background does a reader need to better understand this poem?

2. How does this poem relate to migration? Refer to the historical context and text of the poem.

3. Look at the words you circled as stirring up emotions. What emotions do those words make you feel? Are those emotions more negative, or more positive? Both?

4. Think about your responses to questions 2 and 3. What might the poet be persuading you to think about migration and migrants? Write your responses in a sentence.

5. Based on your analysis, write a sentence expressing the poet's message.

6. What did you learn by analyzing this poem?
