

Grade 6 English Language Arts  
Week of January 18 – January 22

Lesson 1: Introduction to Poetry

Poets use language purposefully! EVERY word matters!!! That is part of why poetry is such a **source of creativity and joy**.

Poetry is images painted with words.

How? By using figurative language, sound, rhythm, and meaningful words.

Poetry uses **purposefully powerful words to cause a reaction**.

Poetry is art! Poetry is a song! Poets paint with words like artists use images on a canvas and musicians use music and lyrics to:

- express or describe emotions, events, people, or ideas
- explore relationships and culture, values and choices
- use language in unique ways
- play with sound by playing with words and line lengths/breaks and making intentional choices
- make comparisons to other things to understand them better



Poets invite us to read, explore, and devour the word pictures they have painted.

*Poetry becomes art.*

*Art becomes poetry.*

*Painted images with words.*

Answer the question in your Learning Guide, How is poetry like art?

Then, as you watch the video below, pause and complete the responses for "More Than Rhyme" in your Learning Guide.



More Than Rhyme – Poetry Fundamentals: <https://youtu.be/T5NzarBMBWQ>

## Video Response: More Than Rhyme

Answer the question in complete sentences. As always, after you've written your response, check it over to make sure it makes sense and is in complete sentences with your best capitals, usage (grammar), punctuation, and spelling.

1. How is poetry like art?

2. As you watch the video, complete the sentences below:

Poetry is purposefully powerful words, chosen to cause a \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(35-40 seconds in)

Poets use tools to make language more \_\_\_\_\_ (3:00 – 3:15)

Poetry is all around you. Most of the \_\_\_\_\_ you listen to starts out as poetry. (4:30 – 4:45)

What do these artists all have in common? They use purposefully to cause a \_\_\_\_\_ . (5:45 – 6:00)