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"O Captain! My Captain!" by Walt Whitman

Guided Notes – Lesson 1

What does the description in the first four lines reveal about the journey?

Objective: In this lesson you will learn how to analyze the impact of word choices on meaning and tone by focusing on a description.

Steps:

1. Underline the adjectives and verbs
2. Infer the charge of these words
3. Ask, "What do these words reveal about the text?"

Stanza 1, Lines 1-4:

1. Underline the adjectives and action verbs

O Captain! my Captain! our fearful trip is done,
The ship has weather'd every rack, the prize we sought is won,
The port is near, the bells I hear, the people all exulting,
While follow eyes the steady keel, the vessel grim and daring;

2. Infer the charge of these words

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3. Ask, "What do these words reveal about the text?"

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Your Turn!

What does the description in lines 9-12 reveal about the Captain?

1. Underline the adjectives and verbs
2. Infer the charge of these words
3. Ask, "What do these words reveal about the text?"

Stanza 2, Lines 9-12:

1. Underline the adjectives and verbs

O Captain! my Captain! rise up and hear the bells;
Rise up—for you the flag is flung—for you the bugle trills,
For you bouquets and ribbon'd wreaths—for you the shores a-crowding,
For you they call, the swaying mass, their eager faces turning;

2. Infer the charge of these words

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3. Ask, "What do these words reveal about the text?"

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