

Treasure Hunt

Directions: Use the [Poetry Out Loud Online Anthology](#) to locate poems that fulfill the following descriptions. **One paper to turn in for 25 points**, and one in a Google Doc to memorize at home.

ON PAPER: Write the title, the name of the author, how many lines **Turn this paper in!!!**

Steps to memorize the poem in 5 days

1. Read the poem slowly and aloud, letting the language flow naturally as you read.
2. Handwrite the poem, writing on alternate lines to match the original layout.
3. Read the poem aloud once more to see if it resonates with you.
4. Cover all but the first line with an index card. Repeat that line three times and then try to recall.
5. Repeat the process for each subsequent line in the stanza until you've done the entire poem.

Remember, be patient! Practice when you wake up, take a shower, fall asleep. Try these tips:

- Create index cards with the first letter of each word for practice.
- Record yourself reading the poem and listening to the recording.
- Recite the poem while walking alone.
- Recite to your parents or friends to get used to speaking in front of others.
- Repeat while in the shower, drying your hair, or during exercise for repetitive motion.
- Write the poem repeatedly.
- Recite it mentally when bored in class.

Here are 10 reasons why memorizing poems can be a wonderful endeavor.

Which THREE resonate with you?

- Cognitive Exercise:** It exercises your brain, enhancing memory and cognitive functions.
- Language Mastery:** It aids in mastering language, vocabulary, grammar, and literary devices.
- Cultural Appreciation:** Poems encapsulate culture, history, and emotions.
- Expressive Communication:** It is a powerful means of communication and self-expression.
- Boosts Creativity:** It can inspire original thoughts and creativity in writing or other artistic pursuits.
- Emotional Connection:** It evokes emotions, offering comfort or inspiration when needed.
- Public Speaking Confidence:** It improves public speaking skills, aiding in overcoming stage fright.
- Improves Focus and Discipline:** It requires focus, discipline, and attention to detail.
- Connection to History and Literature:** It creates a personal connection to literary history.
- Mindfulness and Relaxation:** It can be a form of mindfulness or relaxation when stressed.

1	A poem that has 25 lines or fewer:
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2	A poem that is about an aspect of nature:
3	A poem that is about an aspect of relationships:
4	A poem about working:
5	A poem about an emotion:
6	A poem about an animal:
7	A poem that is humorous:
8	A poem about war:
9	A poem that was written before the 20th century:
10	A poem that was written between 1900-1950:
11	A poem that was written between 1951 and today:
12	A sonnet:
13	A poem written in free verse: