

Download Common Core Poetry Units

Poetry Plays a Pivotal Role in Common Core Expectations. Standard Four reads: Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of rhymes and other repetitions of sounds (e.g., alliteration) on a specific verse or stanza of a poem or section of a story or drama. 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. 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)...lesson plans - The Academy of American Poets presents lesson plans, most of which align with Common Core State Standards, and all of which have been reviewed by our Educator in Residence with an eye toward developing skills of perception and imagination. We hope they will inspire the educators in our community to bring even more poems into your classrooms!