

Poetry and Stand up, Speak Out

Understanding the form and area of study

Poetry

Poetry is a form of writing used to express thought, opinions and ideas. Poets can use their work to move people and motivate changes in society.

A poem uses many literary techniques, such as metaphor, simile, imagery, mood, onomatopoeia, alliteration, assonance, hyperbole, symbolism and juxtaposition.

Not all poems need to rhyme. Some poems are written in **free verse**, meaning they have no set structure. Other poems have particular rhyme patterns and set structures.

Stand Up, Speak Out

As a class, we will be exploring and analysing poems under the topic of “Stand Up, Speak Out”. We will see how poems and songs have the ability to make a responder think about bullies and why they should be stopped.

In any bullying situation, there are normally three distinct people:

- Bully
- Victim
- Bystander

Poems can evoke thoughts and feelings about all three.