

Exploring the World of Poetry

Poetry · Practice Test · 18 Questions

1. Which poetic device involves the repetition of consonant sounds at the beginning of words?

- A) Assonance
- B) Consonance
- C) Alliteration
- D) Onomatopoeia

2. What is the term for a line of poetry containing ten syllables, typically alternating unstressed and stressed syllables?

- A) Hexameter
- B) Pentameter
- C) Tetrameter
- D) Trimeter

3. Which famous epic poem is attributed to Homer and tells the story of a long and perilous journey home?

- A) The Iliad
- B) The Aeneid
- C) The Odyssey
- D) Beowulf

4. What is a lyric poem, typically of fourteen lines, that follows a specific rhyme scheme and meter?

- A) Haiku
- B) Sonnet
- C) Villanelle
- D) Ballad

5. Who is widely considered the greatest playwright in the English language, also known for his sonnets?

- A) Charles Dickens
- B) William Shakespeare
- C) Jane Austen
- D) Geoffrey Chaucer

6. What is the term for the pattern of rhyme between words, especially at the end of lines of poetry?

- A) Rhythm
- B) Meter
- C) Rhyme Scheme
- D) Stanza

7. Which poet is famous for the line 'Do not go gentle into that good night'?

- A) Robert Frost
- B) Dylan Thomas
- C) T.S. Eliot
- D) W.B. Yeats

8. What is a poem that tells a story, often in a narrative and dramatic style?

- A) Ode
- B) Elegy
- C) Ballad
- D) Limerick

9. Which Japanese poetic form consists of three phrases with a syllable structure of 5, 7, 5?

- A) Tanka
- B) Haiku
- C) Senryu
- D) Renga

10. What poetic device uses words that imitate the sounds they describe?

- A) Metaphor
- B) Simile
- C) Onomatopoeia
- D) Personification

11. Who wrote 'The Raven', a narrative poem famous for its musicality and supernatural theme?

- A) Emily Dickinson
- B) Walt Whitman
- C) Edgar Allan Poe
- D) Sylvia Plath

12. What is a stanza of four lines in a poem, especially one having alternate rhymes?

- A) Couplet
- B) Tercet
- C) Quatrain
- D) Sestet

13. Which poetic movement, flourishing in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, emphasized subjective experience and imagination?

- A) Realism
- B) Romanticism
- C) Modernism
- D) Symbolism

14. What is the comparison of two unlike things using 'like' or 'as'?

- A) Metaphor
- B) Analogy
- C) Personification
- D) Simile

15. Which poet is known for her introspective and often unconventional style, frequently using dashes and unique capitalization?

- A) Maya Angelou
- B) Elizabeth Barrett Browning
- C) Emily Dickinson
- D) Christina Rossetti

16. What is a poem of serious reflection, typically a lament for the dead?

- A) Ode
- B) Sonnet
- C) Elegy
- D) Pastoral

17. Who is credited with pioneering 'free verse' poetry, characterized by its lack of regular meter and rhyme?

- A) Robert Frost
- B) Emily Dickinson
- C) Walt Whitman
- D) Langston Hughes

18. What is the term for a figure of speech in which an inanimate object or abstract concept is given human qualities?

- A) Hyperbole
- B) Personification
- C) Irony
- D) Allusion