

# Interpretive Essay

## PREWRITING

Using a graphic organizer can help you interpret a poem or work of literature.

**Directions:** Answer the questions in the chart to help you interpret the literary elements in the poem you chose.

Element	Analysis Questions
Speaker	<div><div>• Who is the Speaker? _____</div><div>• Does the speaker narrate a story or describe a scene or emotion?</div><div>_____</div></div>
Style	<div><div>• How does diction affect the poem? _____</div><div>_____</div><div>_____</div><div>• What sound devices does the poet use? _____</div><div>_____</div><div>_____</div><div>• What figurative language does the poet use? ____</div><div>_____</div><div>_____</div></div>
Theme	<div><div>• What is the poem’s main idea? _____</div><div>_____</div><div>• Does the main idea reveal something about human nature?</div><div>_____</div><div>_____</div></div>
Tone	<div><div>• What attitude does the poet express? _____</div><div>_____</div></div>