

Reading Skill

SUMMARIZE MAJOR IDEAS IN POETRY

When you **summarize** a poem, you briefly restate the main ideas or themes in your own words.

Directions: As you read each poem, use the charts to summarize the major ideas of each section. An example has been done for you.

Sonnet 30

Part of Poem	Major Idea
1 st quatrain	
2 nd quatrain	
3 rd quatrain	
Couplet	

Sonnet 75

Part of Poem	Major Idea
1 st quatrain	Whenever I write my beloved’s name in the sand, the waves wash it away.
2 nd quatrain	
3 rd quatrain	
Couplet	