

Reading Strategy

CLARIFY MEANING

When you read older works of literature, you may have to stop to **clarify meaning** by restating difficult sentences. **Archaic language** includes words that once were common but are now unfamiliar. **Inverted syntax** is a form of sentence structure in which the expected order of words is reversed.

Directions: As you read each sonnet, use the charts to record and restate examples of archaic language and inverted syntax. An example has been done for you.

“How Soon Hath Time”

Archaic Language	Inverted Syntax
“hath” (<i>has</i>), line 1	“That I to manhood am arrived <i>so near</i> ” (That I am arrived <i>so near</i> to manhood), line 6

“When I Consider How My Light is Spent”

Archaic Language	Inverted Syntax

HOW SOON HATH TIME / WHEN I
CONSIDER HOW MY LIGHT IS SPENT