

# Reading Skill

## ANALYZE SPEAKER

The **speaker** of a poem is the voice that “talks” to the reader. In each of these poems, Arnold adopts the persona of a specific speaker. You can analyze poetic speakers by asking yourself specific questions about the speaker’s point of view, state of mind, and attitude.

**Directions:** Complete the charts to analyze the speaker of each poem. Record your thoughts as well as evidence from the text that supports your reactions.

### “Dover Beach”

Questions About the Speaker	My Thoughts	Evidence from the Text
Whom is he addressing?		
Where does he seem to be?		
What is his state of mind?		
Does his attitude change over the course of the poem? If so, how?		

### “To Marguerite—Continued”

Questions About the Speaker	My Thoughts	Evidence from the Text
Whom is he addressing?		
Where does he seem to be?		
What is his state of mind?		
Does his attitude change over the course of the poem? If so, how?		