TPCASTT Notes

Title:

Read the title and predict what the literary piece is about.

Paraphrase:

read the poem line per line and paraphrase each line at a time, in your own words. Group together lines that require a complete thought and then paraphrase.

Connotations:

Look up words that you do not understand and define them here. Determine the connotations of the words- do they have multiple meaning or meanings beyond the literal.

Attitude:

Determine the tone and emotions associated with subject. What is the speaker’s (not the author… but listen to the voice that is speaking in the poem) attitude toward the subject of the poem.

Shift:

Many poems will shift in tone ( the author’s attitude towards the subject of the poem) Detect the shift: does the poem begin cheerful and then end sorrowful. Etc…Where does the shift occur? What type of shift is it? Ex- shift in environment, time, character, mood etc...

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Visit the title again and determine what new insight you have gained about the poem after reading and analyzing it.

Theme:

What is the life lesson learned in the poem that the author wanted to convey?