

A poem about poets

Do you like poetry? In this video you can listen to a poem ... about some of the world's best poets!

Tasks

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises.

Preparation task

Complete the sentences with words from the box.

recital	memorise	renowned	rhyme	sonnet
epic	bard	exiled	oppression	nifty

- Words that have the same last sound, like 'true' and 'who'.
- An poem is a long story about a hero, with lots of action, and usually with kings, queens or gods.
- If someone is, they are sent away from their own country, town, etc.
- When you a poem, you can remember all the words exactly.
- A is a special type of poem that has 14 lines.
- Something that is is good, pleasing or effective.
- A poetry is a performance of poems.
- If someone is, they are famous for something.
- When people don't have freedom or opportunities, they suffer from
- A is another word for a poet.

Task 1

Choose the best answer.

- Which poet wrote *The Iliad* and *The Odyssey*?
 - Homer
 - Maya Angelou
 - William Shakespeare
- How many poems did the Chinese poet Li Bai write?
 - About 150
 - Nearly 1,000
 - About 2,000

3. What did William Shakespeare write?
 - a. Theatre plays
 - b. Special poems called sonnets
 - c. Both theatre plays and sonnets
4. When do you usually hear 'Auld Lang Syne', written by Robert Burns?
 - a. At Christmas
 - b. At New Year
 - c. On Robert Burns's birthday
5. How many of Emily Dickinson's poems were published after her death?
 - a. 10
 - b. 800
 - c. 1,800
6. Who was Dr Seuss?
 - a. A famous doctor
 - b. The author of *The Cat in the Hat* and other stories
 - c. A Scottish poet
7. What's in Maya Angelou's poem about oppression?
 - a. A bird in a cage
 - b. A monster in a storm
 - c. A cat in a hat
8. Who is Benjamin Zephaniah?
 - a. An author from the USA
 - b. A poet from Birmingham, UK
 - c. A singer from Scotland

Task 2

Match the rhyming words from the poem.

Word 1

1. gales
2. died
3. created
4. rise
5. rhyme
6. read
7. earth
8. words

Word 2

- a. time
- b. tales
- c. birth
- d. celebrated
- e. wide
- f. birds
- g. lies
- h. succeed

Discussion

Do you know any other famous poets?

Answers

Preparation task

1. rhyme
2. epic
3. exiled
4. memorise
5. sonnet
6. nifty
7. recital
8. renowned
9. oppression
10. bard

Task 1

1. a
2. b
3. c
4. b
5. c
6. b
7. a
8. b

Task 2

1. b
2. e
3. d
4. g
5. a
6. h
7. c
8. f