

AP English Literature and Composition
Speed Analysis

Use this answer sheet to identify the salient features of each poem.

Consider form (closed form, shaping form), image, factors that affect sound (sound tropes, different repetitions or rhetorical patterns), and tone. Identify theme or overall emotional effect.

If categories overlap, you may place elements wherever they make the most sense.

Poem: "The Passionate Shepherd ..." Christopher Marlowe

1. Identify/describe the form of the poem. Consider closed form and shaping form.

Quatrains, aabb,
iambic tetrameter
1st line repeated

|
pastoral
Some
mild
carpe diem

2. Identify the main images of the poem. Identify whether they are images, metaphors/similes, or symbols. Provide meanings if applicable.

Pastoral images: valleys, groves, hills, fields — tame, pleasant nature
Speaker + girl on rocks, overall scene
birds, Madrigals (auditory images)

bed — flowers, diverse, abundant / belt — stones
gown — wool, lambs

3. Identify devices that affect sound (sound tropes, repetitions, rhetorical patterns, line endings)

add to musicality / Alliteration (marked)
Short lines keep rhymes, already aa, close.
Consonance (marked) assonance (marked)

4. What is the tone of the poem. How can you tell?

Light, inviting — short lines, pleasant, lush images
easy diction
a lot of detail making a rich landscape

5. Identify the theme of the poem.

Life is abundant; nature is at our service; love ♥