

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.

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Poem: "The Panther" Rilke

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

12 lines  
quatrains  
loose abab rhyme

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

symbol - panther  
symbol - bars (cage) (mighty beast entrapped)  
ritual dance  
center = here?  
eyelid (close detail)  
muscles, heart  
emphasize strength  
or preality

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

enjambment  
caesura  
rep of "bars"  
"over + over"

suggests pacing of panther

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

despairing  
bars  
"no world"  
"is gone"

5. Identify the theme of the poem.

The mighty beast is trapped. 

Death in life
Entrapment