

The Poetry Map



Name _____



Instructions

The Poetry Map contains 67 poems placed on the map at the location of either their setting or composition. The poems are divided into four 'paths'. Each path has a different theme.

There are also 15 magic tickets  which provide extra information.

You have three things to do:

- 1 Read through the poems in each path, answering the questions on this worksheet. *Note* not every poem has a question about it, but you need to read every poem in the path.
- 2 When you find a magic ticket, open it and describe what you find in the Magic Ticket table below Question 17.
- 3 Record any new vocabulary on the back page.

You will need headphones occasionally. The poems contain references to sex and death, and for this reason the Poetry Map is recommended for students over 14 years of age.

A reminder: these worksheets refer to poems, so not everything will be immediately clear – you will need to THINK and look for clues to answer the questions.

Write your answers on this sheet

Path One

Witness (16 Poems)

- 1 What is the theme of the poems in this path?

- 2 In the poem 'The Muntjac' list the verbs, *eg to root, to expose, etc*

- 3 In the poem 'Lambing'
 - a) what situation do the narrator and his friend stumble upon?

 - b) what do they then try to do? Are they successful?

 - c) does each stanza have a similar number of lines?
Why do you think this is the case?

 - d) is there a rhyme scheme? Is there a regular meter?

- 4 In 'The Westbury Horse'
 - a) which county is Westbury in?

 - b) is it a real horse?

 - b) what does the weather sound like there?

 - c) why do you think it was created?

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- 5** In 'Spadework'
- a) how do we know the burial is of an animal and not a person?
 - b) who do you think does the burying? Why?
 - c) why do you think the narrator says their voice will now be stronger?
- 6** Which poem(s) in Path 1:
- a) describes an art class?
 - b) begins with a woman being rescued from a flood?
 - c) is set at night (2 poems)?
 - d) is set in York?
 - e) contains a vegetarian archaeologist?

Path Two A Discipline (18 poems)

- 7** What is the theme of the poems in this path?
- 8** In the poem 'The Example' the narrator is observing a pupil.
- a) What are their feelings towards her?
 - b) What do you think Hidemi's disclosure was?
 - c) Who do you think the narrator is?

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- 9**
- a) Which 6 poems in Path Two contain a girl's name? List the names.

 - b) Which animals are the students compared to in 'Exam Conditions'? Why?

 - c) Which 3 poems contain words written in a different language?

 - d) Who are Soo and Sweep? *Use the internet to find this answer*

 - e) Which poem is set in an inappropriate place?

 - f) Which poem is set at night?

 - g) Which poem contains weeping?

Path Three Czech Film (17 poems)

- 10** What is the theme of the poems in this path?
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- 11** In the poem 'Spring'
- a) list all the adjectives:

 - b) what do you think 'pivo' means (do not look it up)?

 - c) do you think this is a poem? Why / Why not?

 - d) Why do you think there is a red square on the tree trunk?

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- 12**
- a) In which two countries are most of the poems in Path 3 set?
 - b) Which poem describes teachers being taught?
 - c) What misunderstanding takes place in 'Coming Up Short'?
 - d) Which 5 poems contain animals?
 - e) Which 2 poems contain references to things you can buy in a bakery?
 - f) Which 2 poems describe people eating fish?

Path Four **Singles** (16 poems)

13 What is the theme of the poems in this path?

14 In the poem 'The Choice'

- a) What is the situation?
- b) Explain the title.
- c) What do you think it would feel like to be on the train?
- d) How do people react?

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15 In Path 4,

- a) Which poem contains food?
- b) Which poem is set by the sea?
- c) Which 3 poems are set by the River Thames?
- d) Which poem contains some kind of training?
- e) Which poem contains one side of a conversation?
- f) Which poem ends in a restaurant?

16 **Random**

Which path contains:

	Path	Poem(s)
a.	4 poems about a dead animal	
b.	3 poems about a train crash	
c.	a poem about a set of triplets	
d.	a poem set in France	
e.	3 poems set in a factory	
f.	a poem set in a swimming pool	

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	Path	Poem(s)
g.		a poem in which the narrator spies something private
h.		a poem set at the end of term
i.		a poem set in a zoo
j.		an art class

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Magic Ticket Table

The Poetry Map contains 15 magic tickets.
As you read through the poems, complete the table below.

	Poem	Path	What does the Ticket Reveal?
1		1	
2 & 3			
4			
5		2	
6			
7			
8			
9		3	
10			
11 – 13			
14			
15		4	

New Vocabulary

Word	Definition