

# How to Read a Poem

- ❑ Put a **BOX** around images that make movies in your mind.
  - ❑ **SKETCH** the images in the margins.
- ❑ For each stanza, identify the **WHO** and the **WHAT**.
  - ❑ Write sentences in your own words with the who and the what.
- ❑ Read word by word. **UNDERLINE** the **VERBS** in each stanza.
  - ❑ **Circle** the **STRONG** verbs.
    - ❑ Write in the margins the feelings these words display.
- ❑ Circle the repeated words or images. Write whether they are positive (+), or negative (-).
  - ❑ What do the images suggest? What could they symbolize?
- ❑ What is the main idea of the poem?
  - ❑ How do imagery, sound, and symbols shape the meaning of the poem and can this be applied generally to life?