Analysing Poetry

1. **“The Road Not Taken”**
* its about a road or path that is not taken and a person deciding what path they should take.
* The Poem does not use any rhyming or contrast with the words
* They are debating after they go down the road if they should even come back
* They are describing both the roads and which would be a better choice for them
* They doubt themselves in the road they picked
* They say that choosing the road less ordinary made all the difference and was the right decision

    2. “**If”**

* its about a son and possibly a father talking about how to become a real man
* It does not rhyme in any way or use any alliteration
* The poem uses the word “if” as the main part of the poem everything is an “if” and “what” in the poem
* No matter how hard life is you will make it out alive
* You must prepare yourself for the real world and how to live and survive
* Its basically saying to follow your dreams and don’t second guess yourself
* And if you do one thing, make sure it does another “if you can dream-and not make your dreams master;”

    3. “**Oh Captain My Captain”**

* the poem does use a rhyming scene
* Its about a father and son, and how the father’s life is ending
* Life is short and live it to your fullest
* The son is upset because his father has died and has related it to being on a boat, and his father as the captain
* Life is like a boat it tosses and turns, its rough and its calm, it has its ups and down and eventually it all ends and you sink (dying)
* Uses metaphors
* Repetitive
* Uses personification

    4. **“I Too Sing America”**

-Its about how America tends to “hide” other races when the world is looking at America

-They don’t want them to ruin the reputation of their country of in the poem the family

    -Don’t want to be embarrassed

- “I eat well”, this line says how they are building up their strength so one day they can outshine the ones who push them to the side

-This poem is written in first person

-These words are abstract; the author writes them so they can be interpreted in many ways.

    -Ambiguous

-This poem uses metaphor

    5. **“Art Reflecting Life”**

-Life can be a mess but if you take a step back you can see the prettier things

-The small things make the difference

-forgetting old things and making new memories

- they are talking about old memories

-” An unscheduled showing, to remind me of what I fought so hard to forget”, all of the sudden memories can reappear in your mind when you least expect it.

-” I have painted a new life, full of beautiful lines and brilliant colours”, they are re-building their life

-Turning negativity into positivity