

# Poetry Class: Alliteration and the Absurd!

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with Dr. Seuss and Shel Silverstein



Welcome to **POETRY!** Poetry is a type of creative writing, where you look at the world around you with a Poet's eyes. What is a Poet's eye?

Poet's use their emotions, feelings, and intuition to explore and observe the world around them.

They may look at a flower and see the sunshine.

Or hear the rain falling down and hear music from the heavens splashing.

Look around you and tell me what you see. **List 5 things on your paper:**

## THE WORLD AROUND ME

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Now look at your list, and **using your Poet's eye**, tell me what you now see in these things. They will transform right in front of you!

1. \_\_\_\_\_ becomes

\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ becomes

\_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ becomes

\_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ becomes

\_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_ becomes

\_\_\_\_\_

Great work, Poets! 😊  
what they see!

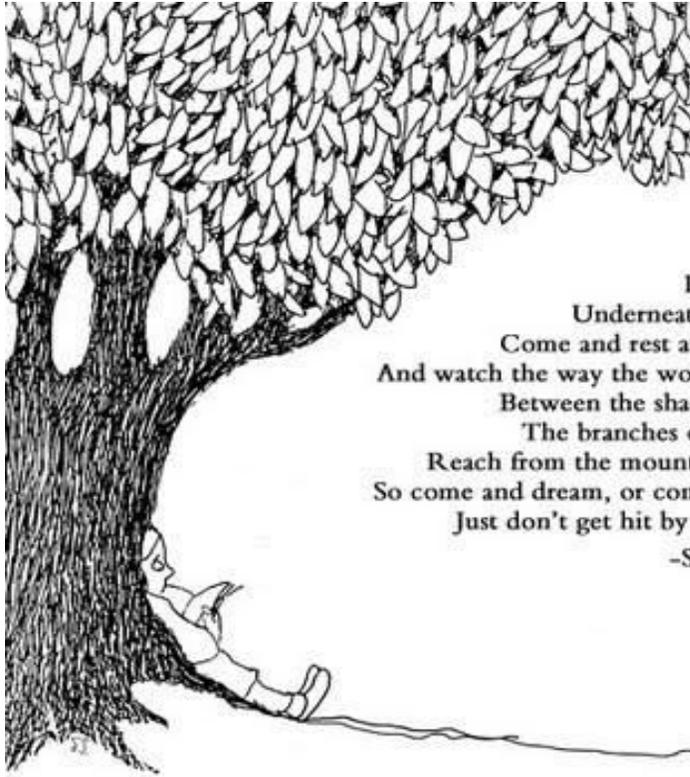


Poets transform

A Poet also likes to play with the sounds words make. We use rhyme – where things sound the same, or have the same ending (Rhyme/Time). We use alliteration – where things have the same letter sound (Susie saw a seesaw shining in the sunshine).

We will all become Poets and play with words and see new things.

**POET - TREE = POETRY** ☺ a poem from **Shel Silverstein**



**POET'S TREE**  
Underneath the poet tree  
Come and rest awhile with me,  
And watch the way the word-web weaves  
Between the shady story leaves.  
The branches of the poet tree  
Reach from the mountains to the sea.  
So come and dream, or come and climb—  
Just don't get hit by falling rhymes.  
-Shel Silverstein

This poem uses **rhyming** sounds.

How many **rhymes** can you find?

This poem also **plays with words** giving a **dual meaning** to a word, like Poet Tree and poetry.

Say each word out loud.

Can you tell the difference?



**“Today you are You,  
that is truer than true.  
There is no one alive  
who is Youer than  
You.” - Dr. Seuss**

**“The more that you  
read, the more things  
you will know. The  
more that you learn,  
the more places you'll  
go.” - Dr. Seuss**

**ALLITERATION!**

Alliteration uses the same sound throughout the poem.

Underline the alliteration in this poem.

Hit: There are a few, one starts with a T.

**Your turn:** Write a poem with alliteration. Pick your favorite letter and write a line of poetry where you repeat that letter.