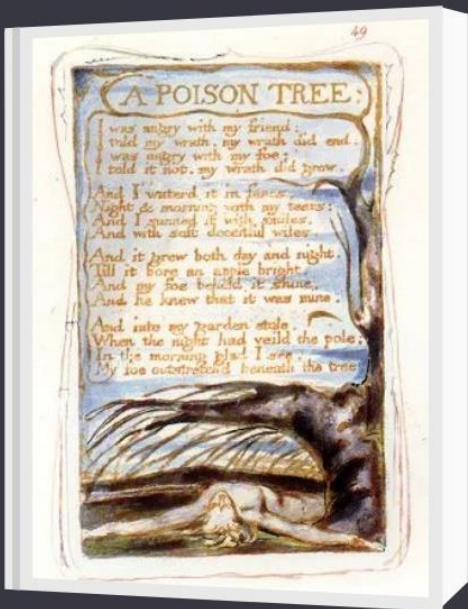


A Poison Tree



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POET

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**SUITABLE FOR YEAR 6
OR AVID READERS IN
YEAR 5**

ABOUT THE POEM..



This classic poem is a metaphorical exploration of human emotions. A character plots revenge against an enemy which leads to dire consequences. This piece is a wonderful discussion point both for literacy and social development. With intertextual links to famous fairy tails that can be drawn on, exploring this piece will lead to deep thought about how humans react to feelings of anger and hatred.

LESSON PACK NOTES

Listen to the read aloud of the full text here:

<https://bit.ly/3m7eZtl>.

Fully read and explore the poem included on the slides. Ensure children are aware of the strike off and SOS strategies outlined in the Mastery for Reading Comprehension guide for teachers and leaders. The first question should be followed by discussions about shades of meaning in order to identify why answers are incorrect or correct. This helps children to focus on the way language is presented in summarising that correctly captures the mood of the text.

Teach the question types to encourage familiarity with the content of the stanzas. Use the added strategies given in the clues alongside some questions to help children to refine their summary responses. Use this for collaborative practice on whiteboards ensuring to work through responses and model answers. The final slide is a challenge one where skills overlap with retrieval skills in true mastery fashion

Follow through with the Summarai challenge activity for which an answer sheet is provided. Pair together varied abilities and encourage whiteboard practicing and striking off of supporting detail before completing each section.

