**Lyrical Poetry Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

A [lyric](https://literarydevices.net/lyric/)al [poem](https://literarydevices.net/poem/)  is a poem in which the author expresses their personal thoughts and feelings. Lyrical poems can take lots of forms but their style often has a sing song quality. Lyrical poems often provide the starting point for the lyrics of songs. In Anncient Greek times poetry was often read while someone else accompanied them on a stringed instrument called a lyre. Lyrical poems can be humorous, romantic or matter of fact. They are often written about love, nature, food, pets, weather, people and feelings.

1. Go to the Types of Poetry Glossary and complete the lyrical poetry section.
2. Read the 2 examples of Lyrical poetry below then answer the questions that go with them.

**Homework! Oh, Homework!**

by Jack Prelutsky

Homework! Oh, homework!  
I hate you! You stink!  
I wish I could wash you  
away in the sink.  
If only a bomb  
would explode you to bits.  
Homework! Oh, homework!  
You're giving me fits.   
I'd rather take baths  
with a man-eating shark,  
or wrestle a lion  
alone in the dark,  
eat spinach and liver,  
pet ten porcupines,  
than tackle the homework  
my teacher assigns.   
Homework! Oh, homework!  
You're last on my list.  
I simply can't see  
why you even exist.  
If you just disappeared  
it would tickle me pink.  
Homework! Oh, homework!  
I hate you! You stink!

**Ode to My Hamster**

by Michele Meleen

Oh Fluffy  
you are as soft  
as any blanket I could buy.  
Your cotton ball legs  
and stuffed squirrel cheeks  
make me want to snuggle you  
day and night.  
But when I sleep, you are awake  
and when I wake you fall asleep.  
Oh Fluffy  
I can't wait to pet your velvety fur  
and hold you and squeeze you  
and love you forever.  
Fluffy, puffy Fluffy  
I couldn't have chosen a more perfect pet.

Complete the chart below using the poems above.

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|  | Homework Oh Homework | Ode to My Hamster |
| What is the item each author is telling us their feelings about? |  |  |
| How does the author feel about these items? |  |  |
| Choose one line from each poem that you think clearly shows what they feel. |  |  |
| What (if any) is the rhyming pattern in each poem? |  |  |
| Which of the poems would make a better song? Why? |  |  |

1. Sift through the lyrics of your favourite songs. Choose one song and copy the lyrics here. (You can choose just one verse if you wish) Be sure to give credit to the singer and/or the composer who wrote the song. When this is done write a short paragraph ( 5-7 sentences with a topic sentence, body and closure) about your song choice and why you think it would make a good lyrical poem.

Song title and artist: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Lyrics:

1 paragraph: Why the lyrics of this song would also make a good lyrical poem.