

## Graphic Organizer: English III: Module 3: Lesson 9: How to Read and Analyze a Poem

1. Brainstorm a list of words that you associate with the word “revolutionary.”

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2. Read the poem “Revolutionary Dreams” by Nikki Giovanni. Describe what you think is happening in the poem.

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3. Make a list of the vocabulary words you are not familiar with and find their meanings at <http://www.merriam-webster.com/>

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4. Reorganize the poem into four sentences or complete thoughts. Write each sentence line-by-line and save room below each one for your “stepping in.”

- a. “I used to dream militant dreams of taking over America to show these white folks how it should be done.”  
(Step in!)

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- b.  
(Step in!)

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- c.  
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- d.  
(Step in!)

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5. Reread the poem and answer the following questions:

- a. Who is the speaker? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Who is the audience? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. What is the point of view? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. What is the poem’s tone? \_\_\_\_\_
- e. What is the setting? \_\_\_\_\_
- f. What word(s) indicate the turning point? \_\_\_\_\_

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- g. What is the poem's form? \_\_\_\_\_
- h. Discuss the poem's rhythm and/or rhyme. \_\_\_\_\_
- i. Discuss any figurative language the poem includes. \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Write a summary of what is happening in the poem. What is it saying?

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