

8.04: Social Justice: Poetry



Subject-Specific Vocabulary

1	refrain	(n) a word, line or phrase that is repeated within lines or stanzas of a poem
2	imagery	(n) a literary method used to create a particular image to convey the key ideas, messages or themes in a text
3	personification	(n) giving human feelings or actions to an inanimate object
4	connotation	(n) an idea or feeling created by a word that adds to its literal meaning
5	speaker	(n) in poetry, the narrative voice or the person speaking in the poem
6	metaphor	(n) a comparison in which a person, object or action is used to represent or symbolise another person, object or action
7	extended metaphor	(np) a metaphor that unfolds across multiple lines or even paragraphs of a text
8	plosive	(n) a hard speech sound made by the letter t, k, p, d, g, or b
9	caesura	(n) a pause that occurs within a line of poetry, usually marked by some form of punctuation
10	emotive language	(np) words or phrases used to stir emotions in the audience
11	symbolism	(n) when a writer takes an action, object, place, person, animal or word and gives it a more metaphorical meaning
12	juxtaposition	(n) two things placed close together for a contrasting effect
13	enjambment	(n) the continuation of a sentence across a line break in poetry
14	simile	(n) a literary method in which a writer describes a person or thing as being similar to someone or something else

Thematic Vocabulary

15	social justice	(np) the fair and equal treatment of all people in society
16	injustice	(n) an event or situation which is unfair and undeserved
17	abuse of power	(np) when a person or group in a position of authority uses their power to oppress people
18	collective responsibility	(np) everyone being responsible for each other
19	activist	(n) a person who takes action or campaigns to bring about political or social change
20	glass ceiling	(np) a metaphor used to describe the difficulties faced by women when trying to move to higher roles in a patriarchal society
21	exploitation	(n) the action or fact of treating someone unfairly to benefit from their work
22	prejudice	(n) holding an unfair opinion about a person or group without reason or experience, often based on sex, religion, ethnicity or other characteristics
23	civil rights	(np) the right that every person has to political and social freedom and equality
24	oppression	(n) continued, unfair, cruel and unjust treatment which prevents people having their rights and freedoms

Academic Vocabulary

25	tone	(n) the attitude or feelings that a speaker or writer expresses through their words
26	polemic	(n) a strongly critical verbal or written attack on someone or something

