

# GRAYS TUITION CENTRE – Online Tutoring

**WEEK: 22**

**Week Beginning: 17/08/20**

**Subject: ENGLISH Year: 8**

## **Lesson Objective:**

- To be able understand how to annotate a poem in depth.
- To be able to “explode” quotations.

## **Keywords/ Concepts**

- Poem
- Annotate
- Explode

## **Class Worksheets**

- For classwork:
  - Understanding and annotating the poem ‘Neutral Tones’.

## **Homework Worksheets**

- Questions based on ‘Neutral Tones’.

## Neutral Tones

We stood by a pond that winter day,  
And the sun was white, as though chidden of God,  
And a few leaves lay on the starving sod,  
- They had fallen from an ash, and were gray.  
Your eyes on me were as eyes that rove  
Over tedious riddles solved years ago;  
And some words played between us to and fro -  
On which lost the more by our love.  
The smile on your mouth was the deadest thing  
Alive enough to have strength to die;  
And a grin of bitterness swept thereby  
Like an ominous bird a-wing....  
Since then, keen lessons that love deceives,  
And wrings with wrong, have shaped to me  
Your face, and the God-curst sun, and a tree,  
And a pond edged with grayish leaves.

## Homework Questions

1. Write a short summary of the poem.
2. List three themes that are shown in the poem.
3. Link relevant quotations to each theme.
4. Analyse a quote using the 'explode' method.
5. Picking a theme of your choice, how does Hardy portray 'the theme' in the poem 'Neutral Tones'?
  - Write two PEEL/PETER/SEED paragraphs.
  - Use relevant quotations.