

Interpreting a Poem

Writing Workshop

Revising, Editing, and Proofreading

Revising

TARGET SKILL ► Elaborate with Examples

As you revise your interpretation of a poem, ask yourself the following questions:

- Have I given specific examples so that readers understand my reactions?
- Does my introduction name the poem and clearly state my response to it?
- Have I told enough about the poem so that readers unfamiliar with it can understand my response?
- Have I given clearly described, specific reactions and responses to the poem?

Editing and Proofreading

TARGET SKILL ► Punctuation and Spelling

Refer to the bulleted list below to edit this draft of an interpretation of a poem. Use proofreading marks to correct errors in grammar, usage, mechanics, and spelling. Finally, copy your corrected draft on a separate piece of paper.

- Be sure to correct all errors in punctuation and spelling.
- Correct sentence fragments so that they express complete thoughts.
- Make sure that pronouns are used correctly.
- Add quotation marks where necessary.

Draft

This poem seems to be against harming plantes. By tending or caring for them too much. Its also about letting some one or something you love be independant. thats what the poet means when she says in lines 6 and 7, "Give it a chance to seek the sunlight for/itself.

Applying

Now edit and proofread your own interpretation of a poem. Refer to the bulleted list above.