



St. Antony's Catholic College

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Year 9 English – SP & H

Instructions for the week beginning 18th May 2020

'Storm on the Island' by Seamus Heaney

All of the poems we are learning about are part of the Power and Conflict cluster and in some way link to conflict and/or war. The poems so far have covered power and exploitation at the hands of man, then last week we looked at the power of nature. The poem this week will again demonstrate the power of nature, but can you think about how we could link to conflict and war too?

This poem is based on Northern Island by a poet called Seamus Heaney.

Watch

This is an introduction to the poet. Write down key information about him and his life.

<https://youtu.be/uwYXt4obLBY>

Watch this section of a documentary about Northern Ireland.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y5kvWpk51Qs>

Write down 4 things you learn about the troubles in Northern Ireland and from this clip.

<https://youtu.be/r6Dq9CxYUlo>

Heaney wrote this poem in 1966. Why is this interesting in connection to the conflict in 1968?

Heaney uses the power of nature in this poem to do what? (metaphorically)

How is the setting of this poem used to convey Heaney's concerns or message?

The language used is very masculine in this power, why? Effect?

Read

Read the poem '**Storm on the Island**' and see if you can independently annotate it. Can you find writers methods such as language features, form, structure?

<https://www.tutorfair.com/blog/gcse-poem-analysis-storm-on-the-island>

Listen

Listen to and watch the Mr Bruff clip of 'Storm on the island' and add any additional annotations to your poem following his guidance.

https://youtu.be/Sgsu_WgO9GY

DO The simile, "*the flung spray [...] spits like a tame cat/ Turned savage*" suggests what about the nature? How can we link this to conflict?

Can you find a quote to show fear? Explore and explain.

Fantastic Friday – Please email Mrs Wright (f.wright@st-antonys.com) by 12pm on a Friday if you'd like to share some of your best work of the week with her. She'd love to see it!