

Poetry of

The Renaissance

1485 - 1660

Early 17th Century Poetry became:

Highly technical, lyrically polished

Enjoyed mainly by the elitist circle surrounding Q.E.

Q.E. was known for rewarding poetic tributes

Sir Walter Raleigh wrote, moving to Edmund Spenser (The Faerie Queene (1590)

Words to know:

Pastoral: from Latin *pastor* , meaning "shepherd"

Pastoral poems depict country life in idyllic, idealized terms. The characters in pastoral poems are naive and innocent yet express themselves with poetic sophistication.

Today's Poetry Study:

The Pastoral:

- A poem that portrays shepherds and rustic life.
- Often highly idealized and presented in a rural setting.
- Expresses feelings and thoughts about love and other subjects.
- Speech/style is typically courtly leaving an unrealistic voice for common shepherd.
- Contains metrical rhyme scheme giving a musical or songlike quality

Set up your daybooks like this:

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Paste Poem	Your Qs	Partner's Answers	Draw at least 2 conclusions

Step One:

(Annotate)

Interact with the text. What lines are powerful, phrases questionable, or words unclear?

Step Two:

(Questions)

Interact with the text on a personal level. This is where you ask questions, paraphrase as necessary, or make an attempt to understand the lines.

Step Three:

Trade with someone next to you.

1. Read ALL of their comments and questions
2. Respond to their questions with other proof from the text and your opinion on what they said. Do you agree? Disagree?
3. Write down any questions you have about the poem that have not been answered yet.