



A Refusal to Mourn the Death, by Fire, of a Child in London

Lesson 6

Overview

- Discussion of themes and bringing together of relevant points.

Resources

- Word document: KS4 ARTM Learner Resource sheets
- PowerPoint presentation: KS4 ARTM L6 Presentation

Suggested procedure

1. Introduce the lesson's objective.
2. Before asking learners to consider Task 1, which asks learners to give a personal response to the poem, it may be useful to have a general class discussion about what they liked/disliked, what they find accessible or difficult, the poem's strengths and weaknesses, how they respond to the main theme, which images they consider to be most effective etc.
3. Introduce Task 2:
 1. As a class, consider what the main themes of this poem are.
 2. Which of these themes is the most important, in your opinion?
Main themes: death, war, grief. Most important: death.
4. Use Slide 4 and 5 of the Presentation as a general introduction to the theme of death in Dylan Thomas's work.
5. Task 3 will require preparation and guidance before learners complete the grid.
6. Conclude with a class discussion of Task 3.
7. Additional activities could include looking at another poem about the death of a child from the myriad of examples available on the internet, by known and unknown poets.