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Will I understand everything on the first reading? Is that okay/normal?

2 Read the _____.
Then, _____. Why?

3 Read the

4 Annotate.
What does this mean?

5 Use a _____
to look up any words I don't know.

6 Identify the _____.
Why is this important?

7 Notice _____ or
_____.
List two such words:

8 Figure out the _____.
This includes:

9 Last step?

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1 Show no __fear_____.
Will I understand everything on the first reading? Is that okay/normal?
no   yes

2 Read the __title_____.

Then, _stop_____. Why?
I need to pause and anticipate what this poem will be about.

3 Read the
poem all the way through.

4 Annotate.
What does this mean?
Underline, highlight, or write comments about things I like, don't like, or find confusing in the poem. These are areas I'll focus on later when I read the poem again.

5 Use a _dictionary_____
to look up any words I don't know.

6 Identify the __narrator____.
Why is this important?
The narrator's tone will impact the message of the poem.

7 Notice __shifts_____ or

__changes_____.
List two such words:
but, however

8 Figure out the __structure___.
This includes:
Rhyme scheme, meter, and the physical layout of text/white space on the page

9 Last step?
Read the poem again (out loud, if I can) and think about what new message I see in the poem.