



Student booklet

The narrative

Year 9	English
Name	

Analyse a poem and write a narrative that expands on the poem's theme or message. Your narrative will either fill in details leading up to the start of the poem or continue from where the poem ends.

You will:

- analyse a poem
- write a narrative of 350–500 words.

Due date:

Section 1. Analyse a poem

Read a poem and analyse its message — make sure that you have your teacher's approval if you have chosen your own poem.

Ask yourself:

- what is the theme or message of the poem?

Once you have established the theme or message, ask yourself:

- why did the poet write this poem?
- what is being communicated?

Analysing the poem will reveal what the poem is about and how the poet constructed the message and/or theme. Complete the table below when analysing your poem.

Name of poem:	Theme or message:
Meaning:	
Imagery:	
Language:	
Tone:	
Style:	

Section 2. Write a narrative

Write a narrative that continues the theme or message of the poem you analysed.

Decide where your narrative will start. You can fill in the missing details that lead up to the start of the poem or you can continue from the point where the poem ends.

You will need to:

- continue the theme or message of the poem
- make language choices that reflect the theme or message of the poem.

Be creative and experiment with writing an imaginative story as your narrative.

Writing a narrative checklist

When writing a narrative, remember to do the following:

- ☐ use paragraphs to develop ideas
- ☐ choose words carefully to create the desired meaning and tone
- ☐ use dialogue to help make the narrative more interesting (i.e. include speech)
- ☐ use action to make the narrative come alive
- ☐ use correct grammar, spelling and punctuation to express the meaning clearly and engage the reader
- ☐ proofread and edit work before submitting the assessment. This includes taking on board appropriate feedback from your peer editor.