



Why study poetry?

- " Many people and cultures have produced it
- " It's another way writers connect and reflect on their times and times past (and future!)
- " It's meaningful to a lot of people
- " It's where song lyrics come from!
- " You need to understand the basics to be well-educated
- " Because it's THERE



Why write poetry?

- " You have something to say and want a creative way to do it
 - . It doesn't have to be overly intellectual - look at greeting cards!
- " You enjoy puzzles AND writing
- " You have a goal
- " It's pleasant to read (and sing)



Why write poetry?

- " Some writers are so good with words they look for a challenge . such as expressing their ideas using a certain meter and rhyme scheme
- " Sometime the challenge is to create a vivid word picture and evoke an emotion with as few words as possible
