

Rain, Two Ways Answer Key

Reflection Questions: Sample Responses

1. **Tone differences:** The poem feels calm and emotional, while the article feels practical and factual.
2. **Structure effects:** The poem's line breaks slow the reader down to reflect; the article's paragraphs deliver quick, clear information.
3. **Author's choice of genre:** A poem allows for personal, artistic expression, while an article communicates news and facts to inform the public.
4. **Stronger impression:** (Varies; sample: "The poem left a stronger impression on me because it made me feel the rain rather than just know about it.")

Teacher Notes

- This activity highlights **genre awareness** and how the same theme can be expressed in very different ways.
- Encourage students to see **genre as shaping purpose**; poems often aim to evoke emotion, while articles aim to inform.
- Differentiation:
 - Provide struggling learners with sentence starters ("The tone in the poem is... but in the article it is...").
 - Challenge advanced learners to write their own short second-genre piece about rain (e.g., a journal entry or scientific report).