

Power, paired

Pair quotations from two poems, analyse each one, then link them.



LEARNING GOAL

Compare how two poets present power, using paired quotations.

SUCCESS CRITERIA

- ☐ I can name a technique in a short quotation.
- ☐ I can explain its effect on the reader.
- ☐ I can link two quotations by a shared idea and say how they differ.

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1 Pair, analyse and link the quotations

READ 16 marks

Read the model row. Then complete rows 2 and 3.

TECHNIQUE BANK imperative alliteration irony understatement enjambment contrast

A Ozymandias by Percy Bysshe Shelley (1818) <i>A sonnet: a traveller reports a ruined statue of a once-powerful king in the desert.</i>			The link <i>Both poems explore power and pride.</i>	B My Last Duchess by Robert Browning (1842) <i>A dramatic monologue: a duke shows a portrait of his late wife.</i>		
QUOTATION A	TECHNIQUE	EFFECT	SAME IDEA? DIFFERENT HOW?	QUOTATION B	TECHNIQUE	EFFECT
1 CONTROL · MODEL "sneer of cold command"	Alliteration: hard "c" in "cold command".	Harsh sounds and "sneer" make his rule feel cruel and full of contempt.	Both rule by orders. Shelley's king is now just a stone face; the Duke still speaks for himself.	"I gave commands; / Then all smiles stopped together."	Understated, blunt clauses.	He never says what the commands were; his calm hides something sinister.
2 PRIDE AND DISPLAY "Look on my Works, ye Mighty, and despair!"				"Notice Neptune, though, / Taming a sea-horse,"		
3 ART AND TIME "Nothing beside remains."				"That's my last Duchess painted on the wall, / Looking as if she were alive."		



Map the themes, then make your judgement

2 Add your own pairs

THINK 8 marks

Row 4: find a line from My Last Duchess to pair with Shelley's. Row 5: choose a theme and both quotations yourself.

A: OZYMANDIAS	TECHNIQUE	EFFECT	SAME IDEA? DIFFERENT HOW?	B: MY LAST DUCHESS	TECHNIQUE	EFFECT
4 TIME "The lone and level sands stretch far away."				YOUR CHOICE		
5 THEME:				YOUR CHOICE		

3 Map the themes

PLAN

Circle 1 (a little) to 3 (strongly). Then write the row number of your best evidence.

THEME	OZYMANDIAS	MY LAST DUCHESS	BEST ROW
Power	1 2 3	1 2 3	
Pride	1 2 3	1 2 3	
Control	1 2 3	1 2 3	
Time	1 2 3	1 2 3	
Art	1 2 3	1 2 3	

4 Which poem presents power more powerfully?

WRITE 12 marks

MY VERDICT ☐ Ozymandias ☐ My Last Duchess

SHELLEY'S POWER Start: Shelley presents power as ...	BROWNING'S POWER Start: However, Browning ...	YOUR VERDICT Start: Ultimately, ... because ...