

# AQA GCSE English Literature - Expert Exam Prep

## Climbing My Grandfather

Read **Climbing My Grandfather** by Andrew Waterhouse, in AQA's Love and Relationship cluster, then answer the following questions.

One sentence answers:

1. What are brogues? **AO3**
2. What is an oxymoron? **AO2**
3. What extended metaphor is being used in this poem? **AO2**

Three sentence answers:

4. What is happening in this poem? Briefly explain the events. **AO1**
5. What do you think is meant by 'the slow pulse of his good heart'? **AO2**
6. Which words or phrases use mountaineering terms? **AO1, AO2**

Paragraph answers:

7. Explain how the words and phrases you chose in the last question are effective. **AO2**
8. How does the structure and form of the poem reflect the idea of scaling a mountain? **AO2**
9. Do you think this is an autobiographical poem? Why or why not? **AO2, AO3**

Mini-essay answer:

10. Compare how poets present strong bonds in relationships in **Climbing My Grandfather** and one other poem from the Love and Relationship cluster. **AO1, AO2, AO3**

### Remember!

When answering the Paper 2 poetry question, you will be tested on the following Assessment Objectives:

**AO1:** Read, understand and respond to texts. Students should be able to:

- maintain a critical style and develop an informed personal response.
- use textual references, including quotations, to support and illustrate interpretations.

**AO2:** Analyse the language, form and structure used by a writer to create meanings and effects, using relevant subject terminology where appropriate.

**AO3:** Show understanding of the relationships between texts and the contexts in which they were written.

