

AQA GCSE English Literature - Expert Exam Prep Follower

Read **Follower** by Seamus Heaney, in AQA's Love and Relationships cluster, then answer the following questions.

One sentence answers:

1. Why might you follow in your parents' footsteps? **AO1**
2. Pick three words which describe the environment that the father works in. **AO1**
3. What is a verb? **AO2**

Three sentence answers:

4. What is happening in this poem? Briefly explain the events and characters. **AO1**
5. What is the moral or message of the poem? **AO1**
6. Which words or phrases in the poem convey a sense of strength? **AO1**

Paragraph answers:

7. Explain how the words and phrases you chose in the last question are effective. **AO2**
8. In what ways does the structure of the poem show the passing of time? **AO2**
9. When reading Heaney's poem, how does context enhance our understanding of its message? Has the poet followed in his father's footsteps? **AO3**

Mini-essay answer:

10. Compare how poets present the relationship between a parent and a child in **Follower** and one other poem from the 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.

