



Homework! Oh, Homework

Homework! Oh, Homework! is a perfect illustration of children's negative attitude towards school and how children often resent tasks given to them by their instructors. The poem is about how kids do not like being given homework assignments by their teachers. The persona in the poem argues that he rather does an impossible task than carry out his homework. The theme of this poem is humor with children and homework.

The theme of this poem vividly describes how the persona really hates doing his or her homework. The kid is so pissed by the thought of doing homework that he wishes the homework could explode and die. The kid is unpleasant with the amount of homework assigned to him by his teacher that he would rather swim with sharks or wrestle a lion than finish his homework. The poem's narration is in the first person, where the narrator explains his awful experience in dealing with homework. The poem's mood is angry; the young kid is furious about being handed homework. The purpose of this poem is to evoke humor in the reader. It's a parody poem. The poem is relatable to kids in secondary schools as they face a lot of pressure in trying to do their poems. In the poem, the author places emphasis on how much he hates homework and makes it clear that he would rather suffer taking risks, such as taking baths with man-eating sharks than do their homework.

Rhyming words is a major poetic device used in this poem. The **rhyme scheme** is (abcb), shown by the first and third end word rhyming. **Repetition** is greatly used in the poem; an example is (Homework oh Homework) has been repeated twice. **Rhyming and repetition** bring out the rhythm of the poem. **Embroidery** is also a poetic device used in this poem to make it relatable to kids. An example of **embroidery** in the poem is "if only a bomb would explode you to bits.". **Imagery** in the poem is used to elicit vivid imaginations in the reader; for example, when the kid says he would rather wrestle a lion in the dark, we can picture the kid fighting with the lion. In addition, the author uses exclamation to express distaste for the endless stream of homework they have to deal with; for example, the author repeats the stanza "I hate you! You stink!". referring to homework- at the start and end of the poem.

To conclude the poem, Jack Prelutsky uses fictional ideas to bring out the humor in the poem. The poem clearly is funny to the reader, and if an adult reads it, he will laugh when he remembers his experience with homework. The boy uses imagery and repetition to clearly show how much hate he has for homework and brings out the main theme clearly in the process.