

Knowledge Organiser

Year 9: Exploring Minds Poetry

By looking at a wide variety of poems from the past right through to more contemporary writers, the poems give students an insight into the minds of a variety of people and explore what it is like to live with various mental health conditions.



Methods Used by Writers

Simile A comparison made using 'as' or 'like'

Metaphor - Describing something as though it is something else which is not physically applicable.

Personification – giving human qualities to something that isn't human

Alliteration – two or more words beginning with the same letter/sound

Repetition – the same word/phrase repeated

Adverbs – a word that describe a verb.

Verbs - doing words

Adjectives – describing words



Keywords

Vulnerable	Resilient
Disempowered	Empowered
Turbulent	Tranquil
Pessimistic	Optimistic
Intrusive	Welcome
Ambiguity	Clarity

Context

Write about context in your PEEZR paragraph to show a full understanding of the poem.

Context is:

- When the text was written.
- What or who influenced the writer.
- What society was like at the time the text was written.
- Our understanding of the mental health condition and how this helps with our reading of the poem.