

## Reading Modern Poetry



The A level literature course requires you to study an anthology of modern poetry and respond to an unseen poem in the exam. The best preparation you can have for this is to be an experienced reader of modern poetry. This week's activity requires you to read a selection of poetry (which you can access by following the links below). As you read, make a note of any that you particularly enjoy.

Online poetry libraries:

### **Poetry Foundation**

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/>

### **The Saturday Poem**

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/series/saturdaypoem>

### **National Poetry Library**

<https://www.nationalpoetrylibrary.org.uk/online-poetry/poems>

### **Poem Hunter**

<https://www.poemhunter.com/>

### **Poetry by Heart anthology**

<https://www.poetrybyheart.org.uk/anthology/>

Your task is to select your 5 favourite poems and upload them into a personal anthology which you should write a brief introduction to (500 words max.) Explain what it is about the five poems that you have chosen that made them stand out to you. Are they connected by a theme or idea? Is it the ideas that you like or the way they are written or a combination of both together? Is there one particular poet who speaks to you?

