

Gather your group around a piece of chart paper and a marker.

One person can record for the group. The writing does not have to be neat, just legible. It is more important that it is recorded quickly so the conversation can keep moving.

Write the name of one of the selected poems or sections of prose. Go around the group and have each person share the **key** words they wrote in the first block. All the words get recorded. If the same word comes up put a check next to it. (Thus if a word comes up 3 times it will be written once and have 2 check marks next to it.)

Next: Go around the group and have EVERYONE read out loud what they wrote for the Main Idea in the second box. (You do **not** have to write them down). Then discuss the Main Idea and come up with a group statement to record on the Chart paper.

Next: Do the same thing concerning the overall mood. Be sure and have everyone share what they wrote before you discuss as a group and combine the ideas into one statement to record on the chart paper.