

SECTION A: UNSEEN POEM

You must answer Question 1 in the space below.

Judith Nicholls presents the arrival of winter in a negative way explaining only the negative affects of winter. She uses negative words ~~of~~ such as 'crush', 'prowled', 'shivering' and 'death' this sets the tone for the poem and keeps you thinking about all of the bad things winter brings. She describes winters affects on lots of different things such as the forest and the sea, because these are both beautiful things that we are used to seeing these are affective things to describe winters impact on as you are more likely to notice the ~~the~~ way they change.

The poem is layed out into three short stanzas, they are each five lines long, this is a simple layout but makes the poem easier to read and understand as you can simply picture what the narrator is saying. The first stanza describes the affects of winter on the forest, the second stanza describes its affects on the sea and the third describes what happens to streams ~~and~~ when it is winter. This shows that the poet clearly ~~to~~ understands how to structure a poem affectively. In each of the first two stanzas, the third and fourth line are linked this is affective because the third

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describes an affect the winter has in a beautiful way using ~~language~~ language that makes it easy to picture what the narrator is talking about and then the fourth line presents a clearly negative affect of winter in a short and sharp yet dramatic way. ✓

The language used in the poem clearly describes the affects of winter as they are used in a clear way to help you picture winter's affects on the world. Lots of the words such as 'froze', 'whispering', 'shivering', and 'ripped' are words we would associate with winter so Judith Micholls has used the lexical field of winter to present what the narrator thinks. Also these words are usually negative and by the end of the first stanza you can already tell the narrators attitude towards winter because they say 'crushed each leaf and froze each web' these are negative descriptions of the affects winter has on living beings habitats.

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