

## CSEC English B Poetry Worksheet

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### Themes in CSEC English B Poems

Here are some of the major themes in your CSEC English “B” poems.

Love	Childhood experiences
Family relationships	Discrimination
Conflict (Internal/external)	The role of women in society
Man vs Man	Religion
Man vs Nature	Dreams and aspirations
Nature	Hate
Perception versus reality	Attitude to power and authority
Loss	Beauty
Gender roles	Oppression
Politics	Parenthood

#### Instruction:

Identify the dominant themes in the following poems.

1. An African Thunderstorm -David Rubadiri

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2. Once Upon a Time -Gabriel Okara

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### 3. Birdshooting Season -Olive Senior

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### 4. West Indies, U.S.A. -Stewart Brown

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### 5. Sonnet Composed Upon Westminster Bridge- William Wordsworth

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### 6. Orchids- Hazel Simmons-McDonald

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7. The Woman Speaks to the Man who has employed Her Son- Lorna Goodison

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8. It is the Constant Image of your Face -Dennis Brutus

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9. God's Grandeur- Gerard Manley Hopkins

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10. A Stone's Throw -Elma Mitchell

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#### 11. Test Match Sabina Park -Stewart Brown

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#### 12. Theme for English B -Langston Hughes

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#### 13. Dreaming Black Boy -James Berry

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14. My Parents -Stephen Spender

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15. Dulce et Decorum Est -Wilfred Owen

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16. This is the Dark Time, My Love- Martin Carter

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17. Ol'Higue- Mark McWatt

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#### 18. Mirror -Sylvia Plath

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#### 19. South -Kamau Brathwaite

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#### 20. Little Boy Crying -Mervyn Morris

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