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Paul Revere's Ride - Analyze Structure

Poetry that tells a story is called ***narrative poetry***. Like a short story, a narrative poem has the following elements:

- one or more ***characters*** or individuals who take part in the action
- a ***setting*** – the time and place where the story occurs
- a ***plot***, or series of events that center on a conflict faced by a main character or individual

Use the chart that follows to help you analyze narrative poetry elements

Element	Question to Ask and Answer
Characters or individuals	Who takes part in the action? Who is the main character? What is the main character like? How would you describe his or her traits? How does he or she respond or change as the story moves on?
Setting	What information or clues tell you where and when the story takes place? How is the setting important to the story? What impact, if any, does it have upon the outcome?
Plot	What central conflict or struggle does the main character face? What important events shape the story's action? How is the conflict resolved?

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Sometimes narrative poetry may contain a ***refrain***, the same word, phrase, or line repeated several times. Poets often use refrains to emphasize a particular word or idea or establish a mood. A refrain can also help develop a poem's rhythm, or beat.

Assignment

What is the element ***characters or individuals*** that help you analyze narrative poetry?

What is the element ***setting*** that help you analyze narrative poetry?

What is the element ***plot*** that help you analyze narrative poetry?

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