



Comparing Texts

Analyze the text for:

“Howl”
(1956)

“Subterranean Homesick
Blues”
(1965)

TONE

What is the overall mood or feel? Is it angry? Sad? Hopeful?

LANGUAGE/DICTION

Why did the author/composer choose certain words? Which words stand out to you and why? How does the diction of each piece affect its message?

RHYME SCHEME

Is rhyme used? If so, where does it occur? What purpose does the rhyming serve?



REPETITION

What words or sounds are repeated? Think about:

- Consonance (repetition of inner consonant sounds)
- Assonance (repetition of initial vowel sounds)
- Alliteration (repetition of initial consonant sounds)

MEANING

What is this work about? Can you restate the text in your own words? Is the meaning of the text/lyrics abstract or concrete? What impressions are you left with?

RHYTHM

Does the text have a rhythm? Can you tap your foot to it? What purpose does rhythm serve in a poem or a song?

CONNECTIONS

What connections can you make between the two pieces?