

Rilke poem SUMMARY

Compose a paragraph-length summary of one Rilke poem of your choice from *The Book of Images* and submit it below. This will be the same poem that you analyze in your essay at the end of the Unit. Read and study the assigned poems from the collection as well as the **Sample poem summary** located in this week's materials before you attempt this assignment. Your task is to summarize *the form of the poem* as well as the plot - Do not simply write a plot summary of what happens in the poem. Introduce the author, title and publishing date of the poem and the book itself; introduce characters, settings and time frame; summarize major themes, symbols and metaphors; discuss the form and structure of the poem, much as I did in my podcast analysis of "The Panther." Use the poetry terms I covered in my Unit Overview in your summary work. This is not persuasive writing: Do not advance your own opinion of the work, or make an argument about its effectiveness as a piece of writing. You are only to REPORT what you have read to an imagined ignorant audience. Keep your language academic: **3rd person, present tense, no sentence errors**. A final version of this summary will become part of the thesis paragraph in your essay at the culmination of this Unit. This assignment is meant to help you explore all the dimensions of your chosen Rilke poem, and to give you practice articulating those in advance of your essay. If you are able to explain and summarize the poem here, you will be able to analyze it more effectively in your essay at the end of the Unit.

This summary paragraph needs to be a **minimum of 12 sentences** in length but should not exceed one paragraph. It is worth 5 points.