

8.3 Poem Graphic Organizer for “Jabberwocky”

Poem	Fix-Up Options
'Twas brillig, and the slithy toves	<p>Connect to background knowledge (text-to-text): “’Twas “means “it was,” as in the poem “’Twas the Night before Christmas.”</p> <p>Make an inference: “Brillig” sounds like the word “brilliant.” Perhaps the events in the poem take place in the daytime.</p> <p>Look at sentence structure (BK): “Slithy” is probably an adjective that describes the toves.</p> <p>Make a prediction: The toves are animals.</p>
Did gyre and gimble in the wabe:	<p>Look at sentence structure (BK): “Gyre” and “gimble” are verbs.</p> <p>Make an inference: The wabe is the place where the toves live.</p> <p>Read ahead to the end of this verse.</p>
All mimsy were the borogoves,	<p>Make inferences: Borogoves and raths are also creatures that live in the wabe. “Mimsy” sounds like “whimsy,” which suggests a pleasant, peaceful scene.</p> <p>Visualization: Imagine strange animals.</p> <p>Ask a new question: Are they living peacefully in a forest?</p>
And the mome raths outgrabe.	
“Beware the jabberwock, my son.	
The jaws that bite, the claws that catch!	
Beware the jubjub bird, and shun	
The frumious bandersnatch!”	

Supplement 8I—Poem Graphic Organizer for “Jabberwocky” (cont.)

He took his vorpal sword in hand:	
Long time the manxome foe he sought—	
So rested he by the Tumtum tree,	
And stood awhile in thought.	

And as in uffish thought he stood,	
The jabberwock, with eyes of flame,	
Came whiffling through the tulgey wood,	
And burred as it came!	

One, two! One, two! And through and through	
The vorpal blade went snicker-snack!	
He left it dead, and with its head	
He went galumphing back.	

Supplement 8I—Poem Graphic Organizer for “Jabberwocky” (cont.)

“And has thou slain the jabberwock?	
Come to my arms, my beamish boy!	
O frabjous day! Callooh! Callay!”	
He chortled in his joy.	

’Twas brillig, and the slithy toves	
Did gyre and gimble in the wabe;	
All mimsy were the borogoves,	
And the mome raths outgrabe.	