

DESPERATE ROMANTICS

Pre-session Webquest

Task 1: ROMANTICISM

Talk to your partner, what images or words do you think of when you hear the word “romantic”? Note them down below.

Now use the internet to find the answers to the following questions:

1. How is the word “Romantic” connected to the city of Rome?
2. What was the “Romantic movement”? When did it take place? Are there any famous Romantics from your country?

Task 2: POETRY

Read the statements below and discuss them with a partner, then check your answers online:

1. Is Romantic poetry always about love?
2. Does poetry always have to rhyme?
3. What is “metre” in poetry?
4. What is the difference between “simile” and “metaphor”?
5. What is an “ode”?

Task 3: ANALYSIS

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Find a poem online, it can be any poem you like, and answer the following questions:

1. What is it about?
2. How does it make you feel?
3. Does it rhyme? Does it have a regular metre?
4. Does it use any simile or metaphor?

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Teachers' Notes

These activities have been designed to be used before the workshops as introduction and a way of getting students interested and a way to pre-teach vocabulary. You may also use the material as a follow up activity after the students have attended the event and see how much they remember!