

B Poem: Six Perspectives

• A Reader Response Activity

Step 1: Read the poem individually.

Step 2: Write a personal response to the poem answering the following questions:

- a. What was your initial reaction to the poem?
- b. What perspective did not fit your initial impression?
- c. Who do you sympathize with in the poem?
- d. How does this affect the meaning of the poem?
- e. What personal issues did you relate with this poem?

Step 3: In your table group, complete the following:

- a. Appoint a recorder.
- b. Each group member gives their initial response to the poem.
- c. General discussion.

Step 4: Do the large group discussion.

- a. The recorder from each group will report their responses.
- b. General discussion, questions, and comments.

Step 5: Final journal response

- How did your understanding of the poem change after hearing other students' perspectives?
- Who or what did others respond to?
- Whose perspective is primarily represented in the media? Government? Religious?
- Why do you think most people shared their perspective with others more often?