**Term 6 Week 3 Lesson 2 Year 9: Unseen Poetry Revision**

**Do now:**

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| **Q1 ‘A Christmas Carol’** | **In which time period is ‘A Christmas Carol’ set?** |
| **Q2 ‘A Christmas Carol’** | **Which word means extra in the quotation “decrease the surplus population”?** |
| **Q3 ‘An Inspector Calls’** | **Who said “the *Titanic* – she sails next week … every luxury – and unsinkable, absolutely unsinkable.”?** |
| **Q4 ‘An Inspector Calls’** | **In which year was the play first performed in the UK?** |
| **Q5 Subject Terminology** | **What is the difference between a simile and a metaphor?** |

**Self-assessment = /5**

**“Poem For My Sister” by Liz Lochead**

**My little sister likes to try my shoes,  
to strut in them,**  **admire her spindle-thin twelve-year-old legs  
in this season’s styles.  
She says they fit her perfectly,  
but wobbles  
on their high heels, they’re  
hard to balance.**

Poem is written in free verse with a first person narration which makes it seem personal and intimate.

“My little sister” makes it sound as if she is protective over her sister – she is vulnerable.

**I like to watch my little sister playing hopscotch,  
admire the neat hops-and-skips of her,**  **their quick peck,  
never-missing their mark, not  
over-stepping the line.  
She is competent at peever\*.**

“wobbles” makes it sound as if the little sister could be in danger and needs looking after.

**I try to warn my little sister  
about unsuitable shoes,  
point out my own distorted feet, the callouses,  
odd patches of hard skin.  
I should not like to see her  
in my shoes.  
I wish she could stay sure footed,  
sensibly shod.**

**Comprehension questions:**

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| 1. **What does the repetition of “my little sister” suggest?** |  |
| 1. **The poem is written in free verse with a first person narrator.  What is the effect of this?** |  |
| 1. **What does the verb “admire” imply about how she feels towards her sister?** |  |
| 1. **Why does the speaker “try to warn my sister”?** |  |
| 1. **Why doesn’t the speaker want to “see her in my shoes”?** |  |

**In “Poem For My Sister”, how does the poet present the speaker’s feelings about her sister growing up?**

**Model paragraph**

**Liz Lochead presents the speaker as feeling very protective towards her sister as she grows up. She expresses this through the repetition of the phrase “my little sister.” In other words, she is very aware that her sister is younger and smaller than she is. More specifically, the adjective “little” conveys a sense of vulnerability and makes it seem as if the sister needs to be protected and looked after. This could make the reader realise the speaker cares very deeply about their sibling and is anxious to watch them grow.**

**Your turn (at least two paragraphs):**

**Liz Lochead presents the speaker as feeling \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . She expresses this through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . In other words, this could show \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . More specifically, the use of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ could suggest \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . This could make the reader think \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .**