

Read. Think. Explain.

In trying to understand a poem, it's important to read through it carefully and thoughtfully by focusing on the words the author chose *and* by thinking about what the images in the poem represent. In this activity, you'll answer a series of questions about Lauryn Hill's "Everything Is Everything" in order to grasp the poem's full meaning.

Directions: Answer the questions below, using information and details from the poem to back up your ideas.

1. What is the main idea expressed in this poem?

2. Where do the rhymes occur in this poem? Is there a strict rhyme pattern?
What effect do the rhymes create?

3. Why do you think the author wrote this poem?

4. How could the idea of this poem apply to the struggle for civil rights?
