

# 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 Julie Larios's "Phoenix" in order to grasp its full meaning.

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

**1. In what ways does this poem retell the myth of the phoenix?**

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**2. What does the phoenix in the poem do as she is being reborn?**

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**3. Why do you think the phoenix is a popular image in the mythologies of many cultures? What is appealing about it?**

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**4. How does the illustration match the poem? What do you see in it?**

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