

Day 34 Jan 19/20

Take out your ***HW 15*** questions from "Courage" and "Legacy." I will collect them.

Goals:

- understand HW 14 "Grandma Ling" & "A Time to Talk" questions
- "Birdfoot's Grandpa" questions
- Review the elements of poetry pgs. 1 & 2

Quiz on day 35 -- Study Quizlet!

Look at p. 1 of the Poetry Packet, the six types of poems. What type of poem is

- a. "The F Train"
- b. "Grandma Ling"
- c. "The Courage That My Mother Had"

### “Grandma Ling”

1. The speaker is visiting her grandmother in Taiwan.
2. They speak different languages.
3. They look just like each other except for the age difference (same height, same features, etc.)
4.
  - slippered feet softly measure – hearing
  - tatami floor ... paper-covered door – touch
  - square forehead, high cheeks, and wide-set eyes – sight
5. The mood is mostly happy because the speaker is seeing her grandmother, and happy that they can hug; the reader shares the surprise of the speaker at how much the grandmother resembles the speaker; there is also a little sadness about the language barrier.

### “A Time to Talk”

1. The speaker is hoeing a field.
2. The speaker could have asked the friend, “What is it?” in other words, what do you want. Instead, the speaker stops working and slowly approaches the stone wall “For a friendly visit.”
3. Certain gestures have meaning. The friend “slows his horse to a meaning walk” because he must need to talk about something. The friend might be too embarrassed to ask out loud directly for help. The man and the speaker are probably good enough friends such that they can each interpret the other’s unspoken gestures.

4. The tone is matter-of-fact or sincere. The speaker does not seem angry that his friend interrupted his work or even very enthusiastic about talking to his friend; the speaker matter-of-factly states that “there is a time to talk” and now must be the time.

5. *There is time to talk* means that there is enough time to do some talking; *there is a time to talk* implies that there is a certain period designated for talking as if whoever or whatever created time, set aside certain periods for talking.

6. When a friend needs help or wants to talk (“slows his horse to a meaning walk”), then that is a time that should be set aside for talking (“there is a time to talk”) and helping even if other, important work needs to be set aside.

7. *abcadbceed*

## "Birdfoot's Grandpa"

Read, annotate, and answer the questions.

**HW:** Review Quizlet; next class (Day 35)  
quiz on the elements of poetry

- a) "The F Train is a narrative poem and it is free verse
- b) "Grandma Ling" is a narrative poem
- c) "The Courage That My Mother Had" is an elegy.