

English Literature Activities



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Poetry by Pablo Neruda



First read the small text about the poet's life and decide if the sentences that follow are True or False:

Pablo Neruda was a famous poet from Chile in South America. He was born in 1904 and died in 1973. His real name was Ricardo Eliecer Neftalí Reyes Basoalto, but he used the name Pablo Neruda to write poems. He started writing poems when he was a young boy because he loved words and feelings. Many people know him for his love poems which are simple but full of emotion. One of his most famous books is *Twenty Love Poems and a Song of Despair*. He wrote about love, nature, sadness, and life. Neruda also wrote about politics, he believed in justice and freedom. He was a politician in Chile and supported poor people. Because of his political ideas, he had to leave his country for a long time. In 1971, he won the Nobel Prize for Literature, the most important prize for writers. People all over the world still read his poems today, his words touch many hearts. He is one of the greatest poets of the 20th century.



Write T for True and F for False:

1. Pablo Neruda was a famous poet from Chile.
2. His real name was Pablo Neruda.
3. He started writing poems when he was an old man.
4. Neruda wrote poems about love, nature, and life.
5. He was also a painter and a musician.
6. *Twenty Love Poems and a Song of Despair* is one of his famous books.
7. He had to leave his country because of his political ideas
8. He won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1991.
9. His poems are only popular in Chile.



"Ode to the sea", a poem by Pablo Neruda narrated by Ralph Fiennes



Listen to the narration of the poem and fill in the missing words

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yFgCkaTia3w>

Here
Surrounding the
There's sea.
But what sea?
It's always overflowing.
Says yes,
Then no,
Then no
And no,
Says yes
In blue
In sea spray
Raging,
Says no
And no
It can't be still.
It
My name is sea.
It the rocks
And when they aren't convinced,
Strokes them
And soaks them
And smothers them with
With seven green tongues
Of seven green dogs
Or seven green
Or seven green seas,
Beating its
Stammering its name,
Oh Sea,
This is your name.
Oh comrade
Don't waste time
Or water
Getting so upset
Help us
We are meager fishermen,
Men from the
Who are hungry and cold
And you're our foe.
Don't beat so hard,
Don't shout so loud,
Open your green coffers,
Place gifts of silver in our hands.
Give us this
our daily fish.



PABLO NERUDA-TEACHER'S A2

1. **True** – Pablo Neruda was a famous poet from Chile.
2. **False** – His real name was Ricardo Eliecer Neftalí Reyes Basoalto.
3. **False** – He started writing poems when he was a young boy.
4. **True** – Neruda wrote poems about love, nature, and life.
5. **False** – He was a poet and a politician, not a painter or musician.
6. **True** – *Twenty Love Poems and a Song of Despair* is one of his famous books.
7. **True** – Neruda had to leave his country because of politics
8. **False** – He won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1971.
9. **False** – His poems are popular all over the world, not only in Chile.

Here
Surrounding the **island**.
There's sea.
But what sea?
It's always overflowing.
Says yes,
Then no,
Then no **again**
And no,
Says yes
In blue
In sea spray
Raging,
Says no
And no **again**
It can't be still.
It **stammers**
My name is sea.

It **slaps** the rocks
And when they aren't convinced,
Strokes them
And soaks them
And smothers them with **kisses**.
With seven green tongues
Of seven green dogs
Or seven green **tigers**
Or seven green seas,
Beating its **chest**
Stammering its name,
Oh Sea,
This is your name.
Oh comrade **ocean**
Don't waste time
Or water
Getting so upset
Help us **instead**
We are meager fishermen,
Men from the **shore**
Who are hungry and cold
And you're our foe.
Don't beat so hard,
Don't shout so loud,
Open your green coffers,
Place gifts of silver in our hands.
Give us this **day**
our daily fish.





The recitation of the poem by the actor [Ralph Fiennes](#) was part of the extended soundtrack album that accompanied the 1994 film "[Il postino](#)" dedicated to the life of the poet [Pablo Neruda](#). The music of the film was written by [Luis Bacalov](#).



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