

“The Seafarer”
pp. 55-58

Read the poem and then complete the following:

1. Consider the structure of the poem. What shifts do you see? What does each of the stanzas address? Write a sentence summarizing each stanza.
 - a. Lines 1- 26
 - b. Lines 27- 38
 - c. Lines 39- 57
 - d. Lines 58- 64
 - e. Lines 64- 80
 - f. Lines 80- 102
 - g. Lines 103 – 125
2. Identify each of the following in the poem. Give multiple examples if you can find them and explain each.
 - a. Kennings
 - b. Personification
 - c. Metaphor
 - d. Alliteration
3. The poem is an **elegy**. Define elegy and then identify lines, images, or concepts that contribute to the elegiac tone.
4. What is the theme of the poem? Besides the literal meaning, what might “seafaring” represent? What moral or spiritual meanings/parallels do you see?