

Writing about structure

- 1) there are 14 lines in a sonnet ✓
- 2) there 8 lines in a stanza ✗ octave, sestet
- 3) the couplet is called a heroic couplet ✓
- 4) sonnets are usually about love ✓
- 5) conventional ✓

Explore how hayden conveys his relationship with his father in the poem

immediately we see an unconventional structure used for the sonnet with the poem being split into three stanzas, this may reflect hayden's distant relationship with his father as he was growing up. hayden describes the 'cracked hands that ached from labour' as he collected the wood to make the 'fires' blaze'. this highlights the selfless nature of hayden's father, the use of enjambement portrays the tireless care that he has for his family showcasing his unconditional love. as readers, we feel sympathy for the father as it is clear no one chose to express any form of thank for all the work he had done.

Immediately, we see an unconventional sonnet structure opening with Hayden's difficult relationship with his father, this is shown by "no one ever thanked him". This highlights to us as a reader that no one cared to acknowledge his sacrifice by "cold, splintering breaking". This shows and points out to us that all the speaker's father did was ^{care} for him. The use of a metaphor shows that he cut so much wood that the cold would "splinter" under the heat. As readers, we can feel a sense of ^{perception} ~~unese~~ between the two of them as it is clear from the text they didn't speak much or thank each other for the sacrifice of the father.

Targets for next time

- check SPag - Zoom in better on quotes