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Discussion Prompts

A narrow fellow in the grass



by Emily Dickinson

Here are questions and statements to discuss with your partner. Use details and inferences from the poem to support your ideas. You may jot down notes on this page to remind you of your discussion.

1. What do you think the author's purpose is?
2. What is the narrow fellow? What details in the poem support your conclusion?
3. Choose words that create strong images or pictures in your mind, such as "boggy acre," and discuss with your partner what you imagine and feel. What do the images you see reveal about the poet's feelings toward a "narrow fellow"?
4. Explain the meaning of the last two lines and connect these to the poet's word choice.
5. How does the poet feel about other animals?
6. Find a metaphor and discuss how it enhances your visual imagery and helps you better understand the poet's feelings toward a "narrow fellow."
7. Make a list of the denotative and connotative meanings of "zero to the bone." How does connotation enlarge your understanding of the poet's purpose and point of view?

WRITTEN RESPONSE

Choose one discussion prompt to write about in your notebook. Head a new page with the title and author of the poem. Write the prompt you chose below that, and then record notes that relate to the prompt: words and phrases from the poem, your ideas and feelings about the poem, things you noticed about the language and sounds of the poem, and so on. Then use your notes to write an informal paragraph in response to the prompt.