“Ode To Pablo’s Tennis Shoes”
Gary Soto

1. What did you notice about “Ode to Pablo’s Tennis Shoes”? Mark up the poem with underlines, circles, and arrows to show what you noticed.

2. Do you have any questions about this poem? Jot them down.

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3. Helpful Vocabulary: Based on the way the Spanish word novelas is used in the poem, can you make an educated guess about what it means?

Poetic Terms

Here are some terms that will help you talk about the poem:

ode: a poem that celebrates a subject
mood: the atmosphere in a piece of writing
figurative language: non-literal expressions to get across certain ideas or things more vividly
metaphor: a comparison of dissimilar things that implies some sort of equality between the things
simile: a comparison that uses “like” or “as”