

Day 1 Pages 1-17 Why doesn't Jack want to write poetry? Whose voice do we hear? Why don't we hear Miss Stretchberry's voice? How does Miss Stretchberry encourage Jack to write poetry? How does Jack respond when Miss Stretchberry asks Jack to write about a pet? Why do you think he had that reaction?

Write Your Own

Write your own poem borrowing words from Mr. Walter Dean Myers.

Day 5 Pages 73-end

Jack changes a great deal in the novel. Under each heading, list examples of things Jack does, thinks, and says in the beginning of the year compared to the end of the year.

Beginning of the year	End of the Year

The Red Wheelbarrow	
Read "The Red Wheelbarrow". Draw a picture of what you visualize as you read. How did the author use imagery?	
Stopping By the Woods on a Snowy Evening Read "Stopping By the Woods on a Snowy Evening". What does the poem mean to you?	
Why do you think Robert Frost chose to repeat the last two lines in the poem?	

Day 2 Pages 18-35 Why do you think Miss Stretchberry types Jack's poems? On January 19th Jack writes about "making pictures with words". What do you think he means by that? On January 31st, Jack gives Miss Stretchberry a lot of directions on how to type his poem. Why do you think he is becoming so picky? How did Jack borrow words when he wrote about the Animal Protection Center?

Love That Dog

Day 4 Pages 54-72 Why does Jack think Mr. Walter Dean Myers will NOT want to hear from him? Do you think he's right? Miss Stretchberry is able to convince Jack to write poetry and share his feelings, even when he doesn't want to. What qualities does Miss Stretchberry have that allow her to reach Jack? Why was Jack's poem on May 14th signficiant?

The Red Wheelbarrow Write a poem using "The Red Wheelbarrow" as a model. So much depends The Red Wheelbarrow So much depends upon a red wheel barrow glazed with rain water beside the white chickens dog What is the poem about? What figurative language and imagery do you see? 2nd Read Read it again. What thoughts and feelings do you have? Read

Day 3 Pages 36-53 Why do you think Jack wants his name on the shape poem? did the author use imagery? How does Jack make a connection with "Love That Boy"? Describe Jack's feelings about his dog. How does Jack feel about Mr. Walker Dean Myers? How do you know?

The Pasture • Read "The Pasture". Draw a picture of what you visualize as you read. How Street Music How do you feel as you read "Street Music"? Why? • How is "Street Music" different from traditional poetry?