

Graphic Organizer for Active Reading

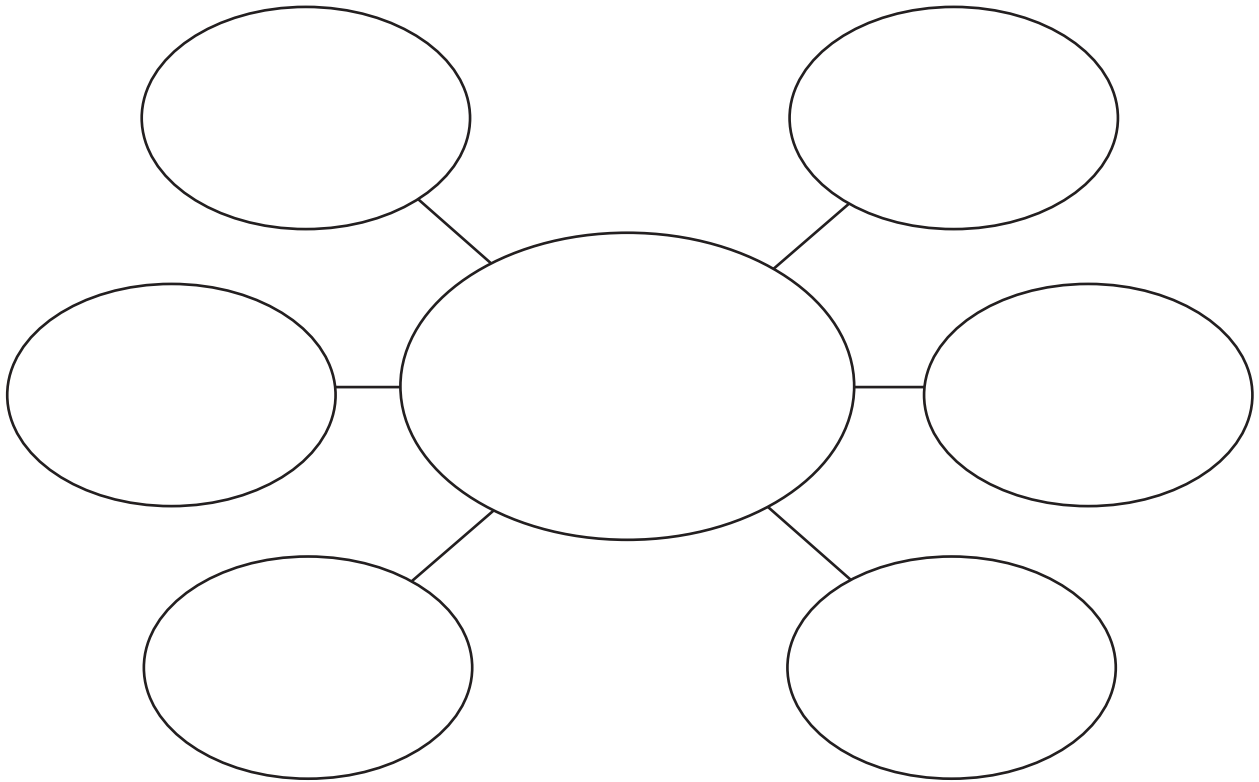
Beware: Do Not Read This Poem

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Swallowed Alive

We swallow poems with our eyes and digest them with our minds. There's nothing terrible about that. We aren't monsters. On the other hand, what would a poem that wanted to swallow *you* look like? A giant Venus' flytrap? A bottomless pool? In the center circle below, sketch what you imagine such a poem might look like. In the remaining circles, list words or phrases that describe the poem.



After You Read

1. Did the title of Reed's poem influence your choice of an image and of the words you used to describe it? Explain why or why not.

2. Did reading Reed's poem change your ideas about what poetry is and what it can do? Explain your answer.
