

# Poetry Types to KNOW for the AP Literature Exam

**review activity for**  
***As I Lay Dying, Hamlet, and***  
***The Importance of Being Earnest***

<b><i>Lyric</i></b>	<b><i>Narrative</i></b>
<b>elegy</b>	<b>ballad</b>
<b>ode</b>	<b>dramatic monologue</b>
<b>sonnet</b>	<b>epic</b>
<b>villanelle</b>	<b>satire</b>

*For each of the eight major types of poem,  
work with a partner to . . .*

1. choose a literary work about which that type of poem could be written
2. record the identifying traits of the poetic form (tone, focus, structure)
3. describe the topic and the central lyric or narrative focus of the poem
4. list at least three details from the text that you would include in poem
5. identify the character who would serve as speaker of the poem
6. state the theme of the poem
7. explain how the topic, theme, and character(s) are reinforced by the form of the poem