

Vocabulary		
1)	abate	to reduce in degree or intensity
2)	abide	to bear patiently, tolerate
3)	slake	quench, satisfy
4)	wizened	to become dry, shrunk, and wrinkled often as a result of aging or of failing vitality.
5)	vicarious	serving instead of someone or something else
6)	discern	to recognize or identify as distinct

Guide to Poetic Annotations

- Title -
 - Read it and jot an impression
- Read the whole poem twice
- Note on structure -
 - Break the poem into sections and describe each chunk
- Note the constants -
 - Tone.
 - Speaker.
 - Language style.
- Go line by line -
 - List impressions, key words, phrase, lines.
- Draw Conclusions -
 - Connect ALL the thoughts.

Binary Opposition and “Kubla Khan”

- **Binary Opposition** - a pair of concepts that are opposite in meaning
- **Metafiction** - Fiction in which the author self consciously alludes to the artificiality or literariness of a work by parodying or departing from conventions
- “Kubla Khan” can be divided into two sections. The first section focuses primarily on the physical location in and around Khan’s “pleasure dome.”
- Binary Oppositions appear heavily in the first section

The History of Kubla Khan & It’s Production

- Coleridge claims that the poem came to him in a (drug-induced) dream. He recorded it faithfully until being interrupted and then forgot the rest.
- Some believe that this is what really happened, but others believe that this explanation is part of the poem’s meaning.