

Pre 20th Century Poetry

Robert Browning

Porphyria's Lover and My Last Duchess are both dramatic monologues, a fictional speech presented as the thoughts of a specific character. Both the Duke and the Lover explain their reasons for the death of their loved one. In which poem do you find the character the most well developed? Examine how Browning uses poetic techniques to depict character.

Remember in your answer

- To compare the two poems
- To look at additional characters and settings
- To highlight the explanations that the characters give
- To examine the language and structure of the poems closely
- To answer the question

This is a literature assignment. Thus to gain an A grade you must:

Literature

- Must be open to other approaches/interpretations
- Comment on social and cultural contexts
- Evaluate attitudes
- Explore how language conveys meaning
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- Confidently express opinions
- Confidently explore comparisons