Further Exploration of Allusions in “Those Winter Sundays”

Your key word study has led you to a number of connections to ideas and stories outside of the text. Through these connections, Hayden invites readers to draw on their knowledge of other father and son stories as we read his poem.

Through the word “chronic” he connects readers to the Greek myth of Kronos. Through the words “Sundays” and “offices” he links us to the Christian narrative of Jesus of Nazareth.

Both narratives involve fathers, sons, conflict and sacrifice. How are these father and son stories similar to and different from the father and son in the poem?

The (speaker/father) is similar to Kronos because...

The (speaker/father) is different from Kronos because...

The (speaker/father) is similar to a Christ-figure because...

The (speaker/father) is different from a Christ-figure because...