

Close Reading Round Up

Consider all that you have learned about the speaker and the speaker's father based on the poet's choices. Then describe two to three possible reasons for "chronic angers" to exist between them. Offer a reference to the text to support your thinking for each reason.

Reason for conflict	Key supporting quote

Now consider these questions about author's references to time:

- When in relation to the moment of speaking did the events of the poem occur?
- Why do you think this speaker is speaking at this moment?
- What may have prompted him?
- What is the occasion?
- What feelings does he seem to have toward "Those Winter Sundays"?
- In other words, if you were to embody the speaker and say this poem out loud, how would you act the part? What scenario would you imagine?

Respond to some of these questions in the space below and/or on the other side of this handout.