

Coleridge's Definitions of Prose and Poetry

"I wish our clever young poets would remember my homely definitions of prose and poetry; that is, prose—words in their best order; poetry—the best words in their best order."

—Samuel Taylor Coleridge

In your group, discuss the implications of Coleridge's definition of poetry, especially in light of your earlier conversation about synonyms. Record some of your group's thoughts here and be prepared to share your ideas with the class.