

Year 9 Poetry Learning Map

Poem and poet	Types of journeys	Key quotations
'Wherever I Hang' Grace Nichols	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical from Guyana to England Spiritual reflection of the changes she has made in her viewpoints 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 'I leave me people, me land, me home / For reasons I not too sure' 'And de people pouring from de underground system / Like beans' 'I don't know really where I belong'
'The Night Mail' W. H. Auden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The journey of letters across the country 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 'This is the Night Mail crossing the border, / Bringing the cheque and the postal order' 'All Scotland waits for her: / In the dark glens, beside the pale-green sea lochs / Men long for news' 'For who can bear to feel himself forgotten?'
'Swing Low Sweet Chariot' Wallace Willis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The journey of slaves to freedom The journey of Christians to heaven 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 'Swing low, sweet chariot, Coming for to carry me home' 'Tell all my friends I'm coming too, Coming for to carry me home.' 'But still me soul feels heavenly bound'
'The Canterbury Tales' Geoffrey Chaucer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pilgrimage to Canterbury From the city to the countryside 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 'pilgrims were they all / That toward Canterbury would ride' 'When April with his showers sweet with fruit / The drought of March has pierced unto the root' 'Of England they to Canterbury wend'
'Telling Tales' Patience Agbabi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pilgrimage to Canterbury The journey of language evolving over time 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 'On this Routemaster bus: get cerebral/Tabard Inn to Canterbury Cathedral' from the grime to the clean-cut iambic,/rime royale, rant or rap, get your slam kick 'Chaucer Tales, track by track, here's the remix'
'Paradise Lost' John Milton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The journey of Satan to hell 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 'Of Man's First Disobedience, and the Fruit / Of that Forbidden Tree' 'Who first seduc'd them to that foul revolt?' 'Him the Almighty Power / Hurl'd headlong flaming from th'Ethereal Skie'
'The Road Not Taken' Robert Frost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflecting on the journey taken between two roads The journey as a metaphor for a decision 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 'I took the one less travelled by, / And that has made all the difference' 'And both that morning equally lay' 'I shall be telling this with a sign / Somewhere ages and ages hence'
'My Father Thought It' Simon Armitage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The journey of growing up 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 'My father thought it bloody queer / the day I rolled home with a ring of silver in my ear' 'the hole became a sore, became a wound, and wept' 'At twenty-nine, it comes as no surprise to hear / my own voice breaking like a tear'
'Gap Year' Jackie Kay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The journey of motherhood The journey of a child growing up 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 'I remember your Moses basket before you were born' 'A flip and a skip ago, you were dreaming in your basket' 'I have a son out in the big wide world'