

CANVAS OF SOIL

Let's Paint, Compare and Create

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PRE-READING

Same but Different: Painting vs Gardening

Before you read, think about painting and gardening. What belongs to only one? What do both share? Complete the chart.

Only Painting	Both	Only Gardening

Keep this chart in mind — the poet compares these two activities throughout the poem!

WHILE READING

Stanza 1: Earth and Possibilities

"Palette of earth, rich and deep,
Where dreams of gardeners seep.
Brushstrokes of seeds, planted true,
Awaiting spring's vibrant hue."

Word · Phrase · Line — Pick the parts that stand out most to you.

One powerful **word**:

One striking **phrase**:

One **line** that captures the stanza:

Stanza 2: Nature's Work of Art

"Blossoms bloom, a painted sight,
Dancing in the morning light.
Shades of green, red, and blue,
Nature's artwork, ever new."

Word · Phrase · Line — Pick the parts that stand out most to you.

One powerful **word**:

One striking **phrase**:

One **line** that captures the stanza:

Stanza 3: Gardens as Living Canvases

"Each garden plot, a canvas wide,
Where art and life coincide.
Through the hands of those who till,
Gardens become paintings still."

Word · Phrase · Line — Pick the parts that stand out most to you.

One powerful **word**:

One striking **phrase**:

One **line** that captures the stanza:

Metaphor Matching

The poet compares painting and gardening throughout. Match each pair.

Painting	Gardening
Painter	
Palette	
Brushstrokes	
Canvas	

POST-READING

Zoom Out

Step back from the details. What is the poem's big idea, in just one line?

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Justify the Title

Why is "Canvas of Soil" a fitting title for this poem?

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Create Your Own Canvas

The poet turned gardening into painting. Now you try it with a different activity — cooking, cricket, dance, music, or anything you like.

My activity:

If were a painting, then would be the brushstrokes,

and would be the finished picture.

Same but Different: Check Your Chart

Go back to your Pre-Reading chart. Would you add or change anything now that you've read the poem?

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Well done! You've completed your Reading Companion for Canvas of Soil.

Keep this sheet safe — it's a great quick-revision tool before your exam.