

## English Literature - Week Beginning 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Hello,

This week you are going to continue to analyse the poem 'Kamikaze' in more detail.

There are key quotations and you are going to complete a series of questions.

Work can be completed electronically or handwritten. Then, it can be emailed to us via the email below. For the handwritten work, take a photo of the handwritten work and send it in this way.

**Do not worry if do not understand all of the questions when analysing the poem in more detail - do what you can.**

If you have any questions about his work, or you would like to send the work, please email: [office@grangepark.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@grangepark.kent.sch.uk).

Mrs Dixon and Mrs Shaddock

# Kamikaze

by Beatrice Garland

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hvof1FUlf4s>

Her father embarked at sunrise  
with a flask of water, a samurai sword  
in the cockpit, a shaven head  
full of powerful incantations  
and enough fuel for a one-way  
journey into history

but half way there, she thought,  
recounting it later to her children,  
he must have looked far down  
at the little fishing boats  
strung out like bunting  
on a green-blue translucent sea

and beneath them, arcing in swathes  
like a huge flag waved first one way  
then the other in a figure of eight,  
the dark shoals of fishes  
flashing silver as their bellies  
swivelled towards the sun

and remembered how he and  
his brothers waiting on the shore  
built cairns of pearl-grey pebbles  
to see whose withstood longest  
the turbulent inrush of breakers  
bringing their father's boat safe

- yes, grandfather's boat - safe  
to the shore, salt-sodden, awash  
with cloud-marked mackerel,  
black crabs, feathery prawns,  
the loose silver of whitebait and once  
a tuna, the dark prince, muscular, dangerous.

*And though he came back  
my mother never spoke again  
in his presence, nor did she meet his eyes  
and the neighbours too, they treated him  
as though he no longer existed,  
only we children still chattered and laughed*

*till gradually we too learned  
to be silent, to live as though  
he had never returned, that this  
was no longer the father we loved.  
And sometimes, she said, he must have wondered  
which had been the better way to die.*

### Task:

1. Read through the poem again.
2. Look at the quotations in the boxes below.
3. Write down what you think the quotation is about.
4. Answer the questions for each quotation.

To help with your analysis, watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yChWgYweENE>

### Kamikaze - Key Quotations

Quotation	Analysis - Questions
Her father embarked at sunrise with a flask of water, a samurai sword	1. Which poetic technique has been used here?
Write down what you think the quotation is about.	2. 'embarked' - what does this mean?
like a huge flag waved first one way then the other in a figure of eight,	1. Which poetic technique is being used?
Write down what you think the quotation is about.	2. What does the flag represent?
	3. 'figure of eight' = represents infinity. What does infinity mean?

Quotation	Analysis - Questions
<p>the loose silver of whitebait and once a tuna, the dark prince, muscular, dangerous.</p> <p>Write down what you think the quotation is about.</p>	<p>1. Which poetic technique is being used here?</p> <p><b>Zooming in on phrases:</b></p> <p>2. 'dark prince' - what could this mean in the quotation?</p> <p>3. 'muscular' - what could this mean in the quotation?</p> <p><b>Reader effect:</b></p> <p>4. 'a tuna, the dark prince, muscular, dangerous' - considering the phrases you have zoomed in on, what does this part of the quotation make the reader think/feel?</p>
<p>only we children still chattered and laughed till gradually we too learned to be silent,</p> <p>Write down what you think the quotation is about.</p>	<p>1. What does the word 'gradually' suggest?</p> <p>2. What does the word 'learned' suggest?</p>
<p>And sometimes, she said, he must have wondered which had been the better way to die.</p> <p>Write down what you think the quotation is about.</p>	<p>1. 'he must have wondered' - what does this suggest?</p> <p>2. 'which had been the better way to die' - what does this suggest?</p>

**Extension task:** Choose another quotation from the poem which you like and analyse it in detail.