



THEME 6 | POETRY PLAY

Worksheets and Exercises

TBH POETRY IN MOTION Worksheets. Use to teach the “Poetry in Motion” activity. If doing the “harder” variation, use the “Jellyfish Facts” worksheet that is also included as part of the activity.

JELLYFISH VIDEO. Link to the video of the jellyfish [HERE](#).

TBH POETRY CLASS Worksheet for Easier Variation. Use for the easier variation of this FLEX Builder.

FLEX THEME 6 Cards. Use the TBH FLEX THEME 6 Cards for the “Take This Home” closing activity. Print out enough copies of the cards so that each class member has one to take home. Print the cards two-sided and in color. Next, cut them apart. If possible, laminate the cards for easier handling and durability. If you’d like, you can punch a hole in the card and provide a small mountable hook (with a suction cup or sticky foam) so that participants can keep the cards in a visible spot at home.

Research References

See the [TBH FLEX 1.0 Toolkit Research Articles Folder](#) for research articles supporting the science behind this Theme.

Additional Resources

Marianne Moore (1887-1972). Marianne Moore was born in 1887 near St Louis, MO. Raised in Pennsylvania, she attended Bryn Mawr College. In 1918, Moore and her mother moved to New York City, where she worked as an assistant at the New York Public Library. She became part of the modernist poetry movement, contributing to and editing the *Dial*, a leading literary magazine. Moore was widely recognized for her use of condensed language and vivid imagery and remains a highly regarded poet of her time. Click [HERE](#) for more biographical information about the poet Marianne Moore.

Teach This Poem: “A Jelly-fish” by Marianne Moore. Click [HERE](#) for a lesson plan from the Academy of American Poets for teaching this poem, including adaptable activity ideas.

Poetry Foundation Website. Look for additional poems to use for more variations of this activity or to share with your group on this website by clicking [HERE](#).

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TBH FLEX “POETRY IN MOTION” WORKSHEET

A JELLY-FISH

Marianne Moore, 1887 – 1972

Visible, invisible,
A fluctuating charm,
An amber-colored amethyst
Inhabits it; your arm
Approaches, and
It opens and
It closes;
You have meant
To catch it,
And it shrivels;
You abandon
Your intent—
It opens, and it
Closes and you
Reach for it—
The blue
Surrounding it
Grows cloudy, and
It floats away
From you.