*Collections* Gr 6 Guiding Questions

Collection 3

“Watcher: After Katrina, 2005” by Natasha D. Trethewey

Read the poem “Watcher: After Katrina, 2005” by Natasha D. Trethewey. Then, reread the lines indicated with each question below. Answer each question, citing text evidence.

1. Lines 1–12: Begin to analyze the poem’s form by counting the lines and stanzas. How does each thought begin and end?
2. Lines 1–12: Analyze the poem’s lines, stanzas, and patterns of rhythm and rhyme. What kind of poem is this?
3. Lines 1–12: Find two instances of alliteration in these lines. How do these phrases affect your response to the poem?
4. Lines 13–15: What ideas does the poet stress in these lines? How does she do this?
5. Lines 16–22: Examine the poem’s form in these lines. What effects are created by the poem’s line lengths, breaks, and stanzas?