

# 'LONDON' BY WILLIAM BLAKE AND 'OZYMANDIAS' BY PERCY BYSSHE SHELLEY

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### **'OZYMANDIAS' BY PERCY BYSSHE SHELLEY**

I met a traveller from an antique land,
Who said—"Two vast and trunkless legs of stone
Stand in the desert. . . . Near them, on the sand,
Half sunk a shattered visage lies, whose frown,
And wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command,
Tell that its sculptor well those passions read
Which yet survive, stamped on these lifeless things,
The hand that mocked them, and the heart that fed;
And on the pedestal, these words appear:
My name is Ozymandias, King of Kings;
Look on my Works, ye Mighty, and despair!
Nothing beside remains. Round the decay
Of that colossal Wreck, boundless and bare
The lone and level sands stretch far away."





### **'LONDON' BY WILLIAM BLAKE**

I wander thro' each charter'd street, Near where the charter'd Thames does flow. And mark in every face I meet Marks of weakness, marks of woe.

In every cry of every Man, In every Infants cry of fear, In every voice: in every ban, The mind-forg'd manacles I hear

How the Chimney-sweepers cry Every blackning Church appalls, And the hapless Soldiers sigh Runs in blood down Palace walls

But most thro' midnight streets I hear How the youthful Harlots curse Blasts the new-born Infants tear And blights with plagues the Marriage hearse



### **ESSAY PLAN**

#### I. Introduction

- A. Brief overview of "Ozymandias" and "London"
- B. Thesis statement: Analise poets' choices of form, language, and structure to elicit emotional responses and prompt questioning of power structures and societal norms within the historical contexts of Romantic movement and Industrial Revolution

#### II. Forms

- A. "Ozymandias": Non-traditional sonnet form
- 1. Signifies Shelley's anti-establishment views
- 2. Disrupts readers' expectations
- 3. Elicits emotions of surprise and curiosity
- B. "London": Simple quatrain form
- 1. Reflects regularity and monotony of oppressed lives
- 2. Evokes confinement and despair

#### III. Language

- A. "Ozymandias": Powerful adjectives, alliteration, assonance, onomatopoeia
- 1. Creates sense of desolation and destruction
- 2. Resonates with Romantic ideals
- B. "London": Repetition, imagery
- 1. Emphasises suffering and inescapable conditions
- 2. Provokes questioning of authority and injustice

#### IV. Structure

- A. "Ozymandias": Russian doll structure, enjambment, caesura, end-stopped lines
- 1. Enhances mystery and discovery
- 2. Contributes to conversational tone
- 3. Emphasises futility of human power
- B. "London": Cyclical, repetitive structure
- 1. Reinforces inescapable nature of plight
- 2. Evokes despair and helplessness

#### V. Conclusion

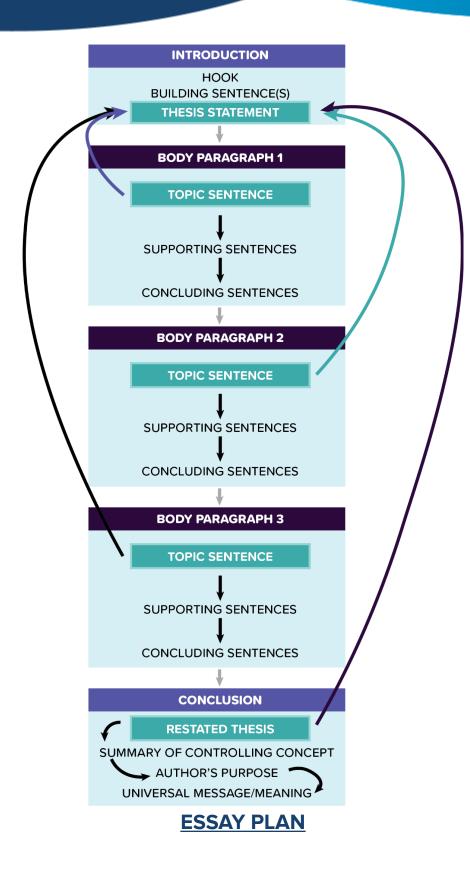
- A. Restate thesis statement
- B. Brief comparison of historical contexts
- C. Discuss poems' focus on themes of power and human suffering



# **100% ESSAY STRUCTURE OVERVIEW**











#### 1. Introduction

- Introduce the two poems: "Adlestrop" by Edward Thomas and "London" by William Blake
- Mention the contrasting perspectives on human relationships with nature and society in each poem
- State the essay's aim to compare the poems' lyric forms, structure, and language techniques

#### 2. Lyric forms and structure

- Explain the consistent ABAB rhyme scheme in "Adlestrop," evoking tranquillity and harmony
- Discuss the historical context of "Adlestrop" (written on the eve of WWI)
- Describe the rigid structure and variations in meter in "London," emphasising suffering and resistance
- Discuss the historical context of "London" (written during the Industrial Revolution)
- Compare the emotions evoked by the lyric forms in both poems and their relation to the authors' purposes

#### 3. Language techniques

- Analyse auditory imagery and onomatopoeia in "Adlestrop," creating an atmosphere of serenity
- Explain the symbolic significance of chosen flora in "Adlestrop"
- Analyse rich and evocative imagery in "London," exposing suffering and corruption
- Discuss the use of repetition in "London" to emphasise the pervasive nature of suffering
- Compare the emotions elicited by the language in both poems and their relation to the authors' purposes

#### 4. Conclusion

- Summarise the contrasting lyric forms, structure, and language techniques in the poems
- Reiterate the authors' differing perspectives on humanity's relationship with nature and society
- Discuss the historical contexts of both poems and their relevance to the authors' purposes
- Conclude by emphasising the importance of appreciating nature's restorative power and the necessity for resistance and change in response to societal ills





# STEP 1: OUTLINING - Complete Your 100% Essay Outline

Criteria	Status	INTRODUCTION - Do not make this too detailed.
Hook AO1  fact/statistic •	(only mark complete when steps 1-5 are ALL complete)	Percy Bysshe Shelley's "Ozymandias" and William Blake's "London" are two iconic poems that critique the abuse of power and the transient nature of human achievements.
Buiding sentence(s) AO3  counter-argument  OR  some contexual info	(only mark complete when steps 1-5 are ALL complete)	While "Ozymandias" focuses on the inevitable decay of political power, "London" exposes the suffering caused by industrialisation and social inequality.
Thesis statement AO1  ✓ key idea 1  ✓ key idea 2  ✓ key idea 3	(only mark complete when steps 1-5 are ALL complete)	This essay will analyse the poets' choices of distinct forms, evocative language, and purposeful structure to elicit strong emotional responses from readers, prompting them to question established power structures and societal norms within the historical contexts of the Romantic movement and the Industrial Revolution, ultimately inspiring introspection and a deeper understanding of the transient nature of power and the human condition.
Criteria	Status	BODY PARAGRAPH 1 - only focus on KEY IDEA #1
Criteria  WHAT? Topic sentence AO1  ✓ key idea 1	Complete  (only mark complete when steps 1-5 are ALL complete)	BODY PARAGRAPH 1 - only focus on KEY IDEA #1  "Ozymandias" is a sonnet with a non-traditional rhyme scheme (abab acdc edef ef), deviating from the conventional forms of Petrarchan and Shakespearean sonnets.



		experienced by London's inhabitants during the Industrial Revolution, creating a sense of empathy and sorrow in the reader.
WHY? Concluding sentence(s) AO2/AO3   author's purpose  (final thought / context about the key idea)	Complete (only mark complete when steps 1-5 are ALL complete)	The rigid form mirrors the unyielding societal structures that perpetuate suffering and inequality, inviting readers to critically examine the consequences of unchecked power and industrialisation.
Criteria	Status	BODY PARAGRAPH 2 - only focus on KEY IDEA #2
WHAT? Topic sentence AO1  ✓ key idea 2	(only mark complete when steps 1-5 are ALL complete)	Both poets employ rich imagery and skillful use of language to convey their themes, effectively eliciting emotions from the reader and altering their thoughts in relation to the historical contexts of the poems.
HOW? Supporting sentences AO2  terminology vidence close analysis effects:	(only mark complete when steps 1-5 are ALL complete)	In "Ozymandias," Shelley uses powerful adjectives such as "vast," "trunkless," "boundless," "bare," "lone," and "level" to create a sense of desolation and destruction, invoking emotions of awe and humility in the reader. These adjectives emphasise the insignificance of human ambition in the face of nature and time, resonating with the Romantic ideals that celebrated the power of the natural world. The poem's alliteration, assonance, and onomatopoeia contribute to its vividness and musicality, enhancing the reader's emotional engagement and reinforcing the notion of the enduring power of art. In "London," Blake employs repetition of words like "charter'd" and "cry" to emphasise the pervasive suffering and inescapable conditions faced by the city's inhabitants during the Industrial Revolution. The repeated words evoke a sense of hopelessness and despair in the reader, urging them to consider the human cost of unchecked progress and societal corruption. The imagery of "black'ning Church" and "mind-forg'd manacles" highlights the corrupting influences of organised religion and societal restrictions, provoking readers to question authority and injustice.
WHY? Concluding sentence(s) AO2/AO3  author's purpose	(only mark complete when steps 1-5 are ALL complete)	Blake's choice of language serves to emphasise the widespread discontent and suffering experienced by the common people, aligning with his critique of power structures and the exploitation of the vulnerable.





(final thought / context about the key idea)		
Criteria	Status	BODY PARAGRAPH 3 - only focus on KEY IDEA #3
WHAT? Topic sentence AO1  key idea 3	(only mark complete when steps 1-5 are ALL complete)	Shelley's "Ozymandias" employs a Russian doll structure, with three enclosed narratives that unravel to reveal the central theme of the poem—the transient nature of worldly power and the enduring power of art.
HOW? Supporting sentences AO2  terminology evidence close analysis effects*	(only mark complete when steps 1-5 are ALL complete)	This layered structure enhances the poem's sense of mystery and discovery, drawing readers into the poem's message and eliciting feelings of curiosity and intrigue. The use of enjambment and caesura gives the poem a sense of a speaking voice, contributing to the poem's conversational and relatable tone. End-stopped lines, such as "Nothing beside remains," emphasise the absoluteness of the poem's assertions, generating a sense of finality and inevitability, further highlighting the futility of human power in the face of time and nature. In contrast, "London" follows a cyclical, repetitive structure, with stanzas one and four focusing on suffering people, and stanza three exploring the causes of their suffering, such as the Church, industrialisation, landowners, and the monarchy. This structure reinforces the inescapable nature of the people's plight, reflecting the relentless cycle of misery experienced by those living in industrialised London.
WHY? Concluding sentence(s) AO2/AO3  author's purpose  (final thought / context about the key idea)	(only mark complete when steps 1-5 are ALL complete)	The cyclical pattern evokes emotions of despair and helplessness in the reader, emphasising the need for societal change to break free from the cycle of oppression and suffering.
Criteria	Status	CONCLUSION - CRUCIAL!
Restated thesis AO1  (Re-write your thesis statement in different words.)	(only mark complete when steps 1-5 are ALL complete)	In conclusion, the analysis of the poets' choices of distinct forms, evocative language, and purposeful structure has demonstrated their ability to elicit strong emotional responses from readers, encouraging them to question established power structures and societal norms within the historical contexts of the Romantic movement and the Industrial Revolution, ultimately fostering



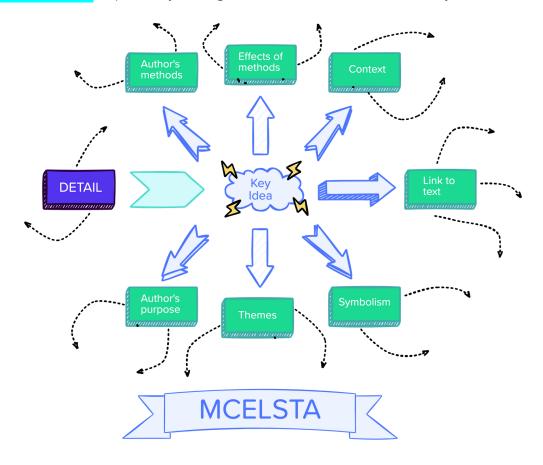
		introspection and a deeper understanding of the transient nature of power and the human condition. "Ozymandias" was composed in 1818, during a time when the Romantic movement was in full swing.
Summary of controlling concept AO1  How does your thesis link to the central theme of the text?	(only mark complete when steps 1-5 are ALL complete)	
Summary of author's central purpose AO1/AO3  How does the controlling concept reflect the MAIN reason that the author wrote the text?	(only mark complete when steps 1-5 are ALL complete)	The movement was characterised by a fascination with nature, individualism, and the expression of personal emotions. Shelley's poem can be seen as a response to the French Revolution and the fall of Napoleon, events that had demonstrated the impermanence of political power. The poem reflects on the fleeting nature of human achievements and the enduring power of art and nature. In contrast, "London" was written in 1794, during the early years of the Industrial Revolution. The poem critiques the oppressive urban environment of the rapidly industrialising city and the societal inequalities that it perpetuated. Blake's poem focuses on the consequences of unchecked power and industrialisation, as well as the corrupting influences of organised religion and societal restrictions.
Universal message AO1  (What is the MAIN message of the text? Focus on the end.)	(only mark complete when steps 1-5 are ALL complete)	While both poems touch upon themes of power and human suffering, "Ozymandias" is more concerned with the ultimate futility of human ambition, whereas "London" highlights the need for social change to alleviate the suffering experienced by the city's inhabitants.





### STEP 2: ADDING DETAIL-Complete the TTECEA Checklist for Detail

- 1. To achieve a grade 9 level of detail, ensure that you link your key idea in each of your body paragraphs to as many of the elements of the TTECEA mnemonic as possible (aim to write about 650-950 words maximum for the entire essay)
- 2. You do not need to have each of the TTECEA elements in each paragraph, but make sure you have all of them in the entirety of your essay.
- 3. Each item on the checklist should only have 2 main purposes:
  - a. to link to your key idea in each paragraph
  - b. and support your argument.
- ✓ TOPIC SENTENCE: Introduce the key idea of your body paragraph.
- TECHNIQUE: Select a key technique the author uses (one you can explore in detail, eg, metaphor, simile, etc).
- ✓ EVIDENCE: EMBED a quote to back up your ideas.
- CLOSE ANALYSIS: Break the technique into smaller pieces, zoom in and analyse them PERCEPTIVELY.
- EFFECTS ON THE READER\*: Explore what the author's method makes us focus on, feel (emotionally) or think.
- AUTHOR'S PURPOSE: Explore why the might want to make us feel a certain way about certain ideas.







## **STEP 3: REVISING - Revise Your Essay**

Ensure you have revised the following aspects of your essay:

- Replaced ALL instances of the word 'shows' with more accurate and specific verbs for inferring effects of the author's methods (check toolkit).
- Revised essay for coherence: are the ideas in each of the paragraphs clearly connected to each other?
- Revised essay for cohesion: check the toolkit for help.
- Removed all instances of the following words and replace them with specific details of the topics you are exploring:
  - How
  - Shows
  - o Some
  - Something
  - Thing
  - This
  - Way
  - o What
- Your vocabulary is academic no informal language unless quoting directly.
- Revised essay for clarity—is your essay easy to read? Ask a peer to read it and give you feedback.





## **STEP 4: EDITING - Edit Your Essay**

Ensure you have edited the following aspects of spelling, punctuation, and grammar:

- All words are spelt correctly.
- All sentences and names begin with a capital see guidelines below
- All sentences end with a full stop.
- No sentences are separated with a comma
- ✓ Lused a comma before and after the following words or phrases:
  - o for example,
  - however
- ☑ Have used ellipses to indicate missing words in quotes.
- ☑ I have used at least one semi-colon to separate or join closely related sentences.
  - The language paper focuses on various forms of writing; the literature paper focuses primarily on academic essay writing.
  - There are five keys to a grade 9 essay: structure, conceptualisation, context, detail, and convincing evidence.
- ☑ I have used a colon to introduce a quote, phrase, word, etc.

#### **HOW TO REMEMBER CAPITALS - ABLE PRINTS:**

- Abbreviations: U.K., USA, UAE
- **B**eginnings of sentences: **N**obody saw it coming.
- Languages: French, Spanish, Italian, Arabic,
- Emphasis I LOVE CHEESE! (avoid this)
- Places: Africa, Mecca, London, Zimbabwe
- Religions and words related to them: Islam/Muslim, Christianity/Christian, Judaism/Jewish, Hinduism/Hindu
- I, as in me
- Names (specific) of people, places, businesses, e.g., Shakespeare, Apple, London.
- Titles of books, movies, or programmes, e.g., The Lion King, Macbeth,
- Special days: **E**id, **C**hristmas, **D**iwali

#### **SPAG RULES**

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## STEP 5b: 'London' by William Blake

In "London," William Blake employs language, structure, and form techniques to create a powerful indictment of the social injustices of his time. The poem, which forms part of his larger work "Songs of Experience," offers a vivid portrayal of the urban landscape and the suffering experienced by its inhabitants. This essay will examine how Blake's choice of the lyric form, language, and structure evokes a range of emotions in the reader, urging them to confront the harrowing consequences of societal corruption and prompting a critical examination of the root causes of suffering, ultimately revealing the pervasive nature of social ills in the city.

In "London," Blake masterfully employs the lyric form of poetry, typically characterised by its focus on personal emotions and experiences. The poem, comprising four quatrains with an ABAB rhyme scheme, often conveys a sense of order and stability. However, Blake contrasts this formal structure with the chaotic and oppressive atmosphere portrayed in lines such as "In every cry of every Man, / In every Infant's cry of fear" (5-6), eliciting a sense of unease in the reader. This juxtaposition compels readers to confront the disjunction between the poem's form and its harrowing content. The lyric form enables Blake to intimately connect with readers by emphasising the raw emotions of the speaker as they navigate the city's bleak landscape. Through vivid, visceral portrayals of suffering, such as "And the hapless Soldier's sigh / Runs in blood down Palace walls" (11-12) and "But most thro' midnight streets I hear / How the youthful Harlot's curse" (13-14), Blake intensifies the reader's emotional response, evoking sympathy and despair. Furthermore, the lyric form encourages reflection on the stark contrast between societal norms and the grim reality presented in the poem, prompting contemplation on the underlying causes of suffering, as exemplified by "And blights with plagues the Marriage hearse" (16). Through powerful imagery, Blake effectively uses the lyric form to elicit profound emotional responses from readers while challenging their societal preconceptions, creating a coherent and cohesive exploration of the poem's themes.

Blake's use of language in "London" significantly contributes to the poem's emotional and psychological effects. The diction is characterised by simplicity and directness, enabling readers to access stark and vivid imagery with ease. Opening lines such as "I wander thro' each charter'd street, / Near where the charter'd Thames does flow" (1-2) emphasise the confinement and restriction in the city, while the repetition of "charter'd" highlights the control exerted by institutional powers over both space and inhabitants. Rich in imagery, the poem conveys the emotional and psychological toll of social conditions with phrases like "marks of weakness, marks of woe" (4) and "the youthful Harlot's curse" (14). These images evoke despair and anger, compelling readers to confront the multifaceted consequences of societal corruption, including widespread suffering, the erosion of social structures, and the perpetuation of inequality and oppression.

The structure of "London" is crucial in shaping the poem's emotional journey and thematic development. Each stanza introduces a new aspect of the city's suffering, contributing to the cumulative effect. The first stanza establishes an oppressive atmosphere, evoking sadness and despair. The second stanza focuses on the plight of specific individuals, eliciting sympathy and empathy as readers confront the personal consequences of societal corruption. The third stanza addresses the broader consequences of societal injustice, as seen in lines like "And the hapless Soldier's sigh / Runs in blood down Palace walls" (11-12), provoking anger and indignation as readers recognise disparities between the powerful and vulnerable. Lastly, the fourth stanza reveals the cyclical nature of suffering and corruption, symbolised by the "Marriage hearse" (16), representing both the end of innocence and the perpetuation of misery. This image leaves readers with a sense of hopelessness and resignation, contemplating the seemingly inescapable cycle of pain and injustice. The progression of ideas underscores the pervasive social ills that Blake



seeks to expose and critique, urging readers to critically examine the root causes of suffering and consider their role in addressing these issues, ultimately creating a cohesive and coherent examination of the poem's themes.

In conclusion, Blake's choice of the lyric form, language, and structure in "London" effectively evokes a range of emotions in the reader, compelling them to confront the harrowing consequences of societal corruption and prompting a critical examination of the root causes of suffering, ultimately revealing the pervasive nature of social ills in the city. Blake's purpose for creating these effects is rooted in the historical context of the late 18th century, a time marked by rapid urbanisation, industrialisation, and social upheaval. The poem urges readers to recognise the suffering caused by institutional power, inequality, and oppression, and consider their role in addressing these social ills in order to bring about positive change.





# STEP 5b: 'London' by William Blake and 'Ozymandias' by Percy Bysshe Shelley

Percy Bysshe Shelley's "Ozymandias" and William Blake's "London" are two iconic poems that critique the abuse of power and the transient nature of human achievements. While "Ozymandias" focuses on the inevitable decay of political power, "London" exposes the suffering caused by industrialisation and social inequality. This essay will analyse the poets' choices of distinct forms, evocative language, and purposeful structure to elicit strong emotional responses from readers, prompting them to question established power structures and societal norms within the historical contexts of the Romantic movement and the Industrial Revolution, ultimately inspiring introspection and a deeper understanding of the transient nature of power and the human condition.

"Ozymandias" is a sonnet with a non-traditional rhyme scheme (abab acdc edef ef), deviating from the conventional forms of Petrarchan and Shakespearean sonnets. This departure signifies Shelley's anti-establishment views, influenced by the Romantic movement and the French Revolution, challenging conventional norms and prompting readers to question the status quo. By employing an unconventional sonnet form, Shelley disrupts readers' expectations and elicits emotions of surprise and curiosity, pushing them to reevaluate the nature of power and its transient quality. In contrast, "London" adopts the simple quatrain form with an ABAB rhyme scheme, a more traditional lyric form, reflecting the regularity and monotony of the oppressed lives it portrays. The poem's structure evokes the confinement and despair experienced by London's inhabitants during the Industrial Revolution, creating a sense of empathy and sorrow in the reader. The rigid form mirrors the unyielding societal structures that perpetuate suffering and inequality, inviting readers to critically examine the consequences of unchecked power and industrialisation.

Both poets employ rich imagery and skilful use of language to convey their themes, effectively eliciting emotions from the reader and altering their thoughts in relation to the historical contexts of the poems. In "Ozymandias," Shelley uses powerful adjectives such as "vast," "trunkless," "boundless," "bare," "lone," and "level" to create a sense of desolation and destruction, invoking emotions of awe and humility in the reader. These adjectives emphasise the insignificance of human ambition in the face of nature and time, resonating with the Romantic ideals that celebrated the power of the natural world. The poem's alliteration, assonance, and onomatopoeia contribute to its vividness and musicality, enhancing the reader's emotional engagement and reinforcing the notion of the enduring power of art. In "London," Blake employs repetition of words like "charter'd" and "cry" to emphasise the pervasive suffering and inescapable conditions faced by the city's inhabitants during the Industrial Revolution. The repeated words evoke a sense of hopelessness and despair in the reader, urging them to consider the human cost of unchecked progress and societal corruption. The imagery of "black'ning Church" and "mind-forg'd manacles" highlights the corrupting influences of organised religion and societal restrictions, provoking readers to question authority and injustice. Blake's choice of language emphasises the widespread discontent and suffering experienced by the common people, aligning with his critique of power structures and the exploitation of the vulnerable.

Shelley's "Ozymandias" employs a Russian doll structure, with three enclosed narratives that unravel to reveal the central theme of the poem—the transient nature of worldly power and the enduring power of art. This layered structure enhances the poem's sense of mystery and discovery, drawing readers into the poem's message and eliciting feelings of curiosity and intrigue. The use of enjambment and caesura gives the poem a sense of a speaking voice, contributing to the poem's conversational and relatable tone. End-stopped lines, such as "Nothing beside remains," emphasise the absoluteness of the poem's assertions, generating a sense of finality and inevitability, further highlighting the futility of human power in the face of time and nature. In contrast, "London" follows a cyclical, repetitive structure, with stanzas one and four focusing on suffering people and stanza three exploring the causes of



their suffering, such as the Church, industrialisation, landowners, and the monarchy. This structure reinforces the inescapable nature of the people's plight, reflecting the relentless cycle of misery experienced by those living in industrialised London. The cyclical pattern evokes emotions of despair and helplessness in the reader, emphasising the need for societal change to break free from the cycle of oppression and suffering.

In conclusion, the analysis of the poets' choices of distinct forms, evocative language, and purposeful structure has demonstrated their ability to elicit strong emotional responses from readers, encouraging them to question established power structures and societal norms within the historical contexts of the Romantic movement and the Industrial Revolution, ultimately fostering introspection and a deeper understanding of the transient nature of power and the human condition. "Ozymandias" was composed in 1818, when the Romantic movement was in full swing. The movement was characterised by a fascination with nature, individualism, and the expression of personal emotions. Shelley's poem can be seen as a response to the French Revolution and the fall of Napoleon, events that had demonstrated the impermanence of political power. The poem reflects on the fleeting nature of human achievements and the enduring power of art and nature. In contrast, "London" was written in 1794, during the early years of the Industrial Revolution. The poem critiques the oppressive urban environment of the rapidly industrialising city and the societal inequalities it perpetuated. Blake's poem focuses on the consequences of unchecked power and industrialisation, as well as the corrupting influences of organised religion and societal restrictions. While both poems touch upon themes of power and human suffering, "Ozymandias" is more concerned with the ultimate futility of human ambition, whereas "London" highlights the need for social change to alleviate the suffering experienced by the city's inhabitants.

