**Suggested structure for a Paper One Response**

**Introduction**

1. Get straight into the poem (quote/direct reference)
2. Explain what the poet is doing
3. Make a link to the whole poem.
4. Make an aesthetic judgement/comment on the literary features.
5. Link to a main argument/thread that you’ll take through the essay.
6. Comment on the deeper complexity of the poem.

**Body Paragraphs** – 1,2,3,4 and maybe 5 and 6

In each paragraph:
- maintain the **main thread** of the discussion
- link to a key idea which springs from the poem – this could be technique, mood or meaning based
- try to interlink and interweave ideas through the poem
- comment on the deeper complexities explored
- create a flow out of the previous paragraph and into the subsequent paragraph

**Conclusion**

Invert the introduction!

1. Comment on the deeper complexity of the poem.
2. Link to a main argument/thread that you’ll take through the essay.
3. Make an aesthetic judgement/comment on the literary features.
4. Make a link to the whole poem.
5. Explain what the poet is doing
6. End in a passage (quote/direct reference)