

'My Last Duchess'

by Robert Browning

Linguistic devices

Devices	Line from the poem:	Analysis of the line:
Conversational tone – the language directs the listener	Example: "Paint / Must never hope to reproduce the faint / Half-flush that dies along her throat:"	The word choice indicates a nonchalant explanation of the Duchess' death. "Dies" is a blunt way to define death rather than a word or phrase such as "passing" or "left this life."
Group 1: Disjointed thoughts – his thoughts are frequently interrupted		
Group 2: Urgent continuous pace		
Group 3: Long-winded syntax (word order)		

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Group 4: Regular rhyme and rhythm *Hint: Look for Rhyme Scheme		
Group 5: Use of enjambment		
Group 6: Blunt language		
Group 7: A dramatic monologue		
All groups: Now that you have filled out the chart, what conclusions can you draw about the meaning of the poem?		