



## *Love That Dog* by Sharon Creech

### Discussion Questions

1. Jack doesn't want to write poetry at the beginning of the book. Why doesn't he want to?
2. What caused Miss Strechberry to be so interested in Jack's first poem? Describe what Miss Strechberry does to get Jack to write more poems, especially about the blue car.
3. How does Jack respond when Miss Strechberry asks him to write about a pet? Why do you think Miss Strechberry insists he write the poem despite Jack's reaction?
4. What are Jack's feelings toward Sky? Make a list of details from the book that describes Jack's feelings toward his dog.
5. Miss Strechberry is able to convince Jack to write poetry and share his feelings even though he doesn't want to. Point out the qualities Miss Strechberry has as a person, and as a teacher, that allow her to reach Jack.

6. Why does Jack fall in love with Walter Dean Myers' poetry? What effect does Mr. Myers' visit to the school have on Jack? How do you know?
7. How might Jack's life have been different if he hadn't had Miss Stretchberry as his teacher?
8. How did reading *Love That Dog* change your point of view about poetry? Explain your answer.
9. Do you see Jack's change of heart about poetry as believable?
10. At the end of the book, the author includes poems by seven famous American poets. Which poem did you like the best and why?

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