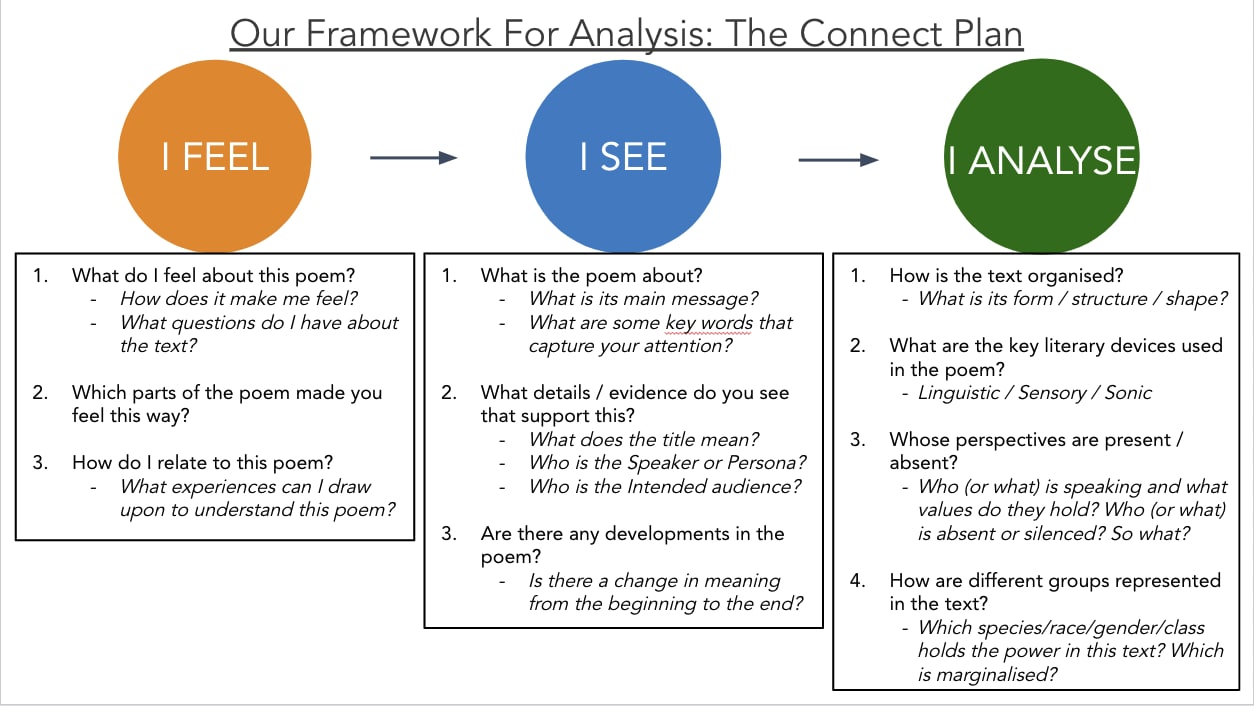
**LESSON 6**

**CONSOLIDATION 1: MAYA ANGELOU’S *ON THE PULSE OF MORNING***

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*On The Pulse of Morning*

byMaya Angelou

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