Poetry

Directions: After reading the poem *The Bean Eaters*, analyze it through the SOAPS method.

**SOAPS** is an acronym to remind you to ask yourself several questions about a poem to establish some background for understanding

**S**: SUBJECT OF THE POEM-What is the poem about?

**O**: OCCASION-What is the time and place of the poem and what might have prompted the poet to write it?

**A**: AUDIENCE-To whom is the poet writing?

**P**: Purpose-What is the poet’s purpose? Is it to express an emotion, or tell a story, or convince someone of something?

**S**: SPEAKER-What do you know about the speaker based on the poem?

Complete a SOAPS analysis for The Bean Eaters by Gwendolyn Brooks.

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