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Directions: Read and annotate the poems below. What are you noticing? Does it give you any creative writing ideas?

**We Real Cool**

The Pool Players.
Seven at the Golden Shovel.

We real cool. We
Left school. We

Lurk late. We
Strike straight. We

Sing sin. We
Thin gin. We

Jazz June. We
Die soon.

WN Response: possible prompts…

* *Write your own “we…” poem.*
* *Tell me which poem you like better and why.*
* *What is Brooks and/or Murray’s poem about?*
* *What do you notice about the structure and why did the author’s write the poems the way they did?*
* *Other?*

Gwendolyn Brooks

***WE OLD DUDES***

*By Joan Murray*

*We old dudes. We*

*White shoes. We*

*Golf ball. We*

*Eat mall. We*

*Soak teeth. We*

*Palm Beach; We*

*Vote red. We*

*Soon dead.*