

# Hallowilloween: Nefarious Silliness

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### Before Reading

- Talk about rhyme, rhythm, and repetition in poetry.
- Brainstorm some words that rhyme with common Halloween words  
(ghost, vampire, bat, mummy, etc.)
- Discuss the unknown vocabulary seen in the poems and define it. (nefarious, epitaph, fouling, hexes, conical, heed, dawdle, grackle, gorges, etc.)

### During Reading

- Tell the children to listen for rhyming words, the different rhythms of the poems, and repetition.

### After Reading

- Put children into small groups and have them draw a Halloween character from a jar.
- Have them create their own poem about the character they chose.
- Encourage them to use rhyme and/or repetition in their poems.
- Let them use the poems from the book as a guide if needed.
- Have the groups illustrate their poems and then share them.
  - Combine the poems and illustrations into a classroom Hallowilloween book.