I Notice/I Wonder Note-catcher: "dog"

(Example, for Teacher Reference)

I Notice (things I see)	I Wonder (questions I have)
Student responses will vary.	Student responses will vary.
Theme: Dogs have a good, almost enviable life.	
Supporting Detail: She uses imagery such as "yawns, / Rests his long chin / Carefully between / Front paws," which suggests the dog is very relaxed.	Supporting Detail: The lack of rhyme or meter makes the poem feel very relaxed, as though Valerie Worth wants us to feel as relaxed as the dog.

Summary: The poem "dog" by Valerie Worth is about a dog lying under a maple tree. Valerie Worth seems to be telling us that dogs have a good, almost enviable life. She uses imagery such as "yawns, / Rests his long chin / Carefully between / Front paws," which suggests the dog is very relaxed. The lack of rhyme or meter makes the poem feel very relaxed, as though Valerie Worth wants us to feel as relaxed as the dog.