

Name _____

② Speaker
part of a group of 7 friends that hang out at a pool hall & have all together dropped out of school (young)

THE POOL PLAYERS
SEVEN AT THE GOLDEN SHOVEL

④ Connotations

Shovel
dig
garden grave

School - education
structure / future opportunity

golden - strength
power / wealth status
and possibly how act without thinking

③ Stylistic Devices

Enjambment: we at end of each line might represent how insignificant the speaker & friends feel

• Single Syllables & simplistic language emphasize the speaker is a drop out

• each line begins with verbs emphasizing the actions of the boys that lead to their death

"Sing" - brag about sins or bad things they done

⑤ Connection
a connection between shovel & die soon?

We real cool. We Left school. We
Lurk late. We Strike straight. We
Sing sin. We Thin gin. We
Jazz June. We Die soon.

might be they are digging their own graves

Cheap liquor

① Definitions

• lurk - to lie in wait hiding especially for evil purposes

• jazz - a type of music that originated from New Orleans; insincere / exaggerated talk; sexual intercourse

(tells us - seducing a girl named June or sleeping with her)

⑥ Topics

- criminal behavior, getting in trouble
- identity
- death
- friendship

⑦ Tone
hopeless

⑨ Theme - A sense of hopelessness can result in risky behavior that can lead to death.