

Top ten features

Working in pairs:

1. Read the list of features below and add an extra point of your own choice if you like.
2. Rank order the features from one to ten, starting with the one that best characterises the collection for you as a reader.
3. For your top feature, find evidence from two poems to support and explain your choice and evidence from a poem that challenges it.
4. Justify your choice to the rest of the group, making use of the evidence you have found.

Duffy's poems in *The World's Wife*:

- are about power relationships
- lament the inadequacies of men
- focus on the presentation of sexual attraction
- explore the satisfactions and burdens of motherhood
- are about disappointment
- present women creating their own lives
- are at heart optimistic
- present women's search for independence
- show that the treatment of women has not changed over time
- document women's lives today
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Feature	Evidence from three poems
1.	
2.	
3.	

Essay writing: Now turn your first choice feature into an essay title by adding the following: 'How far do you agree with this view?' In your answer you should refer to three poems in detail or range more widely through the whole collection.

Use the evidence you have noted in the table above as the basis for a more detailed essay plan before you start writing. Remember to include a poem which helps you offer an alternative point of view so that you address the 'how far...' part of the question in your answer.