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Discuss poem itself:

Barillas, W. (2015). Meter in theodore roethke's 'my papa's waltz'. Explicator, 73(1), 9.

This source analyzes the metrical arrangement in the poem, as well as the structure of the poem. Each stanza is analyzed, as well as individual lines within the poem that are important to the poem’s overall meaning. The argument in this poem is to highlight the way the short structure has an emotional impact in the poem’s, which is what I would discuss in my poem.

Overview: "my papa's waltz" (1998).

The article tries to argue that the relationship between the father and the son is complicated. It can be seen as an idolizing affection, as well as an abusive atmosphere for the child. Using this poem, I will use the argument of the conflicting relationship to show how a child’s view of their parent can vary.

Larger aspect of literature:

Breshears, D. (2015). Forgiveness of adult children toward their alcoholic parents. Qualitative Research Reports in Communication, 16(1), 38-45. doi:10.1080/17459435.2015.1086419

This source describes the forgiveness children may give to their parents who were alcoholics. The purpose of it was to study how the relationship may have had consequences, as well as the desire to forgive. This relates to the poet’s encounter with his father who was constantly drunk, and I would use this to show how the child adored his father in a sick way.

Morman, M. T., & Floyd, K. (2002). A "changing culture of fatherhood": Effects on affectionate communication, closeness, and satisfaction in men's relationships with their fathers and their sons. Western Journal of Communication, 66(4), 395-411. doi:10.1080/10570310209374746

This source discusses the changing dynamic of the father-son relationship. The way the poet describes his relationship with his father is identical to how the article describes that relationship during the time period of the poem.

Media:

Currington, B. (2009, October 06). Billy Currington - Walk A Little Straighter. Retrieved from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U1no7Or9BeI>

This is a song by Billy Currington showing a young boy who looks up to his alcoholic father. The lyrics and the visuals both relate to the poem, and I would use this in my video to show how the child in the poem looks up to his dad, even if he does not give him the love he looks for.

News, A. (2011, June 17). Roughhousing With Dad. Retrieved from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8JPGbM4w1ho>

In the poem, it describes a scene between the father and son where they roughhouse, even with aggression. The video gives good footage of kids horse playing with their dads in different ways, which will represent my poem well in the video.