1. Reread lines 1-4 and notice the use of personification, a figure of speech in which an object, animal, or idea is given human characteristics. How is Death personified?
2. Note the imagery used to describe the house in lines 17-20. What do you think the house represents?
3. Select a line in which Dickinson uses a dash. Explain why it is used and the effect it has on the reader.
4. What lines show you that the author has been dead for quite some time?
5. What do the images in lines 9-12 represent?

What does the imagery in “Because I could not stop for Death—” reveal about the speaker’s feelings about death?

What questions do you have about the poem?