

**Graphic Organizer for Active Reading**

**Monsoon Season**  
**Yusef Komunyakaa**

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**Living with Dying**

Have you ever noticed how the simplest sensations—biting into a crunchy apple, smelling someone's cologne, or hearing a few bars of a favorite song—can produce a flood of memories? These stimuli can provoke positive, negative, or mixed reactions. Before you read Komunyakaa's poem, record in the chart below several stimuli and the memories they evoke.

Stimuli	Recalled Experiences

**After You Read**

1. Choose one of the stimuli and the responses to it that you recorded, and describe the state of mind that these ideas evoke.

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2. In what ways is the experience you described in question 1 similar to the one described in "Monsoon Season"? In what ways are they different?

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