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# PART ONE

# Ways of Making Literature Matter

1 Reading and Thinking

# Reading Comparatively:

# Three Poems about Work

This book presents many poems, short stories, plays, and essays. At the same time, it invites you to *compare* texts. Let’s assume that you are analyzing a poem. How might you develop ideas about it? One good way is to see how the poem resembles, and differs from, others on the same topic. To get a better sense of this method, read the following three poems, each of which concerns work.