

POEM ANALYSIS

SELECTION'S TITLE:

STUDENT'S NAME:

What the Poet Does		What the Poem Does	
Poet and Characteristics		Audience Who does the poet want to read this poem?	
Subject (What is it about?)		Atmosphere (What mood does the poem create)	
Tone (the poet's attitude towards the subject) Use an adjective and provide quotation to prove your description.	Tone: Proof:	Image (What does the poem make you see, hear, touch, taste, and/or smell?)	
Intention (Why did the poet write this poem? What did he/she want to express?)		Beauty (What pleases you aesthetically? Sometimes it may be a new, unfamiliar beauty)	
Main Point (What idea does the poet want the audience to take with them after reading the poem?)		Emotion The poem must reveal an emotion about the subject. How does it do so?	Emotion: Way the poem reveals that emotion:
Interpretation of Theme (What message can readers apply to life—not specific to just this poem?)		Theme Elements What in the poem helps audience identify a theme?	
POV (Point of View) What method does the poet use to tell the poem? Circle and describe the speaker's persona • 1st person: speaker uses "I" or "we" (or any of their forms) • 3rd person: speaker does not refer to himself/herself at all.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st person OR 3rd person? • Persona 	POV Effect How does the POV affect other elements?	Effect on Atmosphere: Effect on Emotion: Effect on Your Response:
Genre (Circle the type of poem)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • formal (rhymes and possesses rhythm) • lyric (offers brief, imaginative, melodic, personal image) • sonnet (consists of 14 lines with rhyme) • blank verse (uses unrhymed lines with rhythm) • free verse (lacks meter and rhyme, uses irregular line lengths) • ode (honors a noble/elevated subject) • elegy (often laments a loss, also can reflect seriously) • didactic (teaches some lesson) 	Genre Elements What in the poem tells you it fits the genre you noted?	
Poetic Devices Specify type and quote two rhetorical devices the poet uses to make his/her claim point	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quoted device: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Quoted device: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type: 	Your Response to the Poem What do you think and feel after reading?	
Abstract/Concrete Diction (Quote 5 words that "sell" or explain the intention and circle "a" for abstract or "c" for concrete)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A C: 2. A C: 3. A C: 4. A C: 5. A C: 	Unit Theme Connection How does this selection fit the unit's theme?	