

Poetry Analysis Worksheet

Title of Poem _____

Author _____

Literal Meaning

After you read the poem, what does the literal meaning seem to be?
What is happening in the poem?

Imagery

Pick out three uses of imagery and write them below (this will most likely be a phrase or line from the poem), then explain what the poet is trying to convey with this image.

1]. IMAGE: _____

MEANING: _____

2]. IMAGE: _____

MEANING: _____

3]. IMAGE: _____

MEANING: _____

Lyric Qualities

Describe the sound of this poem. You will use terms like: internal rhyme, rhyme scheme, alliteration, onomatopoeia, and repetition. Find two specific lines or elements of the poem to discuss. List them and then tell what you think they mean.

1]. Lyric Device: _____

Meaning: _____

2]. Lyric Device: _____

Meaning: _____

Figurative Meaning

Find at least two figurative devices and explain what they mean. You are looking for terms like: simile, metaphor, allusion, symbolism and personification.

1]. Figurative Device: _____

Meaning: _____

2]. Figurative Device: _____

Meaning: _____

Theme

What do you think is the message of this poem?

Why do you think this is the message? Give at least two reasons from the poem—these should be answers you've already written on this sheet

Personal Response

Did you like this poem? _____

Why/Why not?
