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Seven-Step Poetry Analysis

Title of Poem <i>Review the title of the poem.</i> • Are there words in the title that are new or unclear? • What are some of the possible meanings of the title? • What clues does the title provide about the content of the poem? • What other questions do you have about the title of the poem?	
Read the Poem <i>Number the lines of the poem. Read the poem at least twice, orally if possible.</i> • What do you notice about the structure of the poem? • How many stanzas? • Is there a rhyming element? • Are there other sound elements that you notice when you read it aloud? • Is there any interesting punctuation (or lack of punctuation)?	
Vocabulary <i>Circle unfamiliar vocabulary or words with interesting connotations</i> • The words might be new or they might be familiar words used in an unfamiliar or unusual manner. • Write brief definitions of the circled words, using a dictionary as needed. • Write brief notes on the positive or negative connotations of words you circled.	

Paraphrase <i>Read the poem again and write a paraphrase of the poem.</i> • A paraphrase is not a summary, but rather a “translation” of the poem into your own words.	
Literary Analysis <i>Read the poem again and underline the figurative language.</i> • Write notes of possible meanings of these figurative language examples.	
Theme <i>Write a sentence that states the theme of the poem.</i> • What is the moral, lesson, or universal meaning the poet wants the reader to learn, know, or understand?	
Connections <i>Write several sentences connecting the theme of the poem to your personal experience or the world around you.</i> • This will help you explain what this poem means to you.	