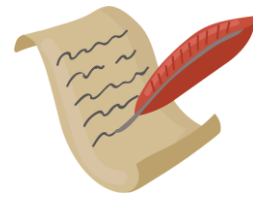




# Poetry Project



In class, we have been studying poetry. The project for this unit is for students to recite a poem and break it into the poetry parts that we have been learning in class. *A poem has been chosen by each student, but your child may also search and choose a school appropriate poem or song on their own.*

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Poet: \_\_\_\_\_

**Presentation Date:**

**Choose Fri., Dec. 15 -or- Mon., Dec. 18**

*\*Students can present 'live' to class or bring in a video of their presentation (USB drive) for us to watch on presentation day.*

## Rubric

Students will use the rubric below to complete their project.

30 points - Student demonstrates that they have practiced reciting the poem and can recite it in a clear voice without assistance from the teacher (notecards are allowed, but students should not be 100% reading from the cards.) Practice, practice, practice. *\*This will prepare them for Tropicana Speech next year!*

20 points - Student uses expressions, voice fluctuation, eye contact, and appropriate pauses to enhance the poem's meaning and presentation. Students can decide how to best recite their poem. Have fun and be dramatic!

30 points - Student uses the attached Poetry Breakdown sheet to "break down" their poem into its parts. We will practice using this page in class, during our lessons.

10 points - Student is prepared to present on the day of presentations

10 points - Student brings a visual compliment to enhance their poem. Students can dress up, bring in a prop, prepare a visual slide show, poster, etc. Get creative!

# Poetry Breakdown



Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Poet: \_\_\_\_\_

Stanzas: \_\_\_\_\_

Rhyme Scheme: \_\_\_\_\_

Mood: \_\_\_\_\_



## Structure

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## Summary

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## Setting/Events/Conflict/Plot

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## Building Vocabulary

List strong or unfamiliar words.  
Do context clues help you find the meaning?

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# Helpful Reminders:

## Structural Elements of Poetry

one line of a poem

Verse

lines grouped together like a paragraph

Stanza

the beat of the poem

Rhythm

a pattern of stressed and unstressed syllables

Meter

where the line of the text ends

Line Break

words that have the same ending sound, often at the end of a line

Rhyme

## RHyme Scheme

Rhyme scheme is the pattern of rhymes that end each line of a poem.

- The lines that end in the same rhyme are given the same letter (A, B, C, etc.).
- Poets are very thoughtful about what rhyme scheme they are using when writing a poem.
- Not all poems have a rhyme scheme.

### EXAMPLES:

#### AABB Rhyme Scheme

A Twinkle, twinkle little **star**,  
A How I wonder what **you are**.  
B Up above the world so **high**,  
B Like a diamond in the **sky**.



#### ABCB Rhyme Scheme

A Row, row, row your **boat**,  
B Gently down the **stream**.  
C Merrily, merrily, merrily, **merrily**.  
B Life is but a **dream**.



## THEME

The **theme** is the message, or lesson, the author wants the reader to take away from the poem.

### How Do I Find the Theme?

- Are there words and phrases that the author repeats often to make sure they "stick"?
- Are there inferences you can make about the theme through the poet's use of figurative language?
- What is the poet trying to teach us about life?

Be **honest**



### Examples of Theme:

- friendship
- honesty
- responsibility
- family
- loyalty
- patience
- perseverance
- courage
- freedom
- teamwork
- acceptance
- compassion
- believe in yourself
- never give up
- overcome challenges
- work hard
- be true to yourself
- make good choices

## MOOD & TONE

### What is Mood?

The mood is the emotions and feelings a reader gets from a piece of writing.

### What is Tone?

The tone is the feeling or attitude that the author shows the reader through their words.

vs.



nervous  
scared

romantic  
serious  
gloomy



- There can be more than one mood or tone throughout a piece of writing.
- The author can create a tone and mood through the setting, characters, dialogue, and word choice.

### MOOD EXAMPLES:

joyful  
sorrowful  
relaxed

romantic  
tense  
silly

### TONE EXAMPLES:

confident  
optimistic  
humorous

angry  
serious  
playful