

ANALYZING & RESPONDING TO

POETRY

- LANGUAGE ARTS 8 -

Part 1: Poetry Analysis

*Read every poem in the booklet. Perform each poetry analysis on the chosen poems attached.
Write ALL OVER the pages and this booklet. Choose SIX to analyze.*

Title — Write a statement about the title of the poem. Why is the title **SIGNIFICANT**? How is it important to the poem? Why do you think the poet chose it?

Paraphrase — Write a statement that **summarizes** the poem. What was the poem about? What happened in it?

Poetic Devices — First, read the poem through. Read the poem again. After a **THIRD** reading, begin carefully working your way through the poem in order to **analyze for its poetic properties**. You will identify **ANY** examples of poetic devices you find. Simply circle or underline and then label what the example is. *Examples:* hyperbole, personification, connotation, metaphor, half rhyme, assonance, alliteration, repetition, analogy, irony.

Theme - Identify a major theme of the poem. This is the **BIG IDEA** of the poem. What is this poem **ABOUT**? What is it getting at the heart of? What is it really speaking to? *Examples:* Love, Truth, Nostalgia, Hope, Regret, Fear, Adversity, Friendship, Sacrifice.

“Don’t think. It complicates things. Just feel,
and if it feels like home, then follow its path.”

rm drake

Part 2: Poetry Response

Choose TWO of the poems in this booklet to write a personal response to. Each response must be at least 5 sentences long. Some questions to help you...How do you personally connect to this poem? What experience have you had that can make you relate to it? What impact does it have on you? Why does it speak to you in some way? What theme does it contain that you relate to? Why?

Poetry Response #1

Poem Title: _____

Poetry Response #2

Poem Title: _____