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**Poetry Analysis**

**For this assignment choose a poem, read it (more than once), analyze it, and then complete the following instructions. Use complete sentences and textual evidence when possible to receive full credit.**

1. What does the title mean? Take a look at the title and reflect on what it means.

2. Put the poem into your own words. Write a brief summary of the poem.

3. What do you think the poem means? Not just the obvious meaning of each word, but what they mean beyond the literal. Be specific, use examples from the text.

4. What comparison can be made between the first stanza and the last stanza? Explain how they are parallel.

5. **“This is a metaphor”** – What does this line mean in context to the entire poem? How is it a metaphor?

6. **Poetic Devices** – Identify several poetic devices used in the poem and how they are used. Give examples.

* Simile or Metaphor:
* Symbolism:
* Tone / Explain:
* Allusion:
* Imagery:
* Syntax (what is significant about the word choices and groupings):
* Connotation:

7. Choose **2** poetic devices and analyze why the author used them and how it shaped (changed) the poem.

8. **Theme** – Identify the theme (central idea) using all four theme steps.

* Step 1:
* Step 2:
* Step 3:
* Step 4:

9. **Historical and Cultural Context** – How has the author’s history and culture influenced the poem. Give specific details and examples.

10. **Connections and Reflections** – How were you able to personally connect with this poem or poet? Is there anything in your life that you could relate back to this poem? Give specific details and examples.