

Poetry Analysis

Title of Poem: _____ Author: _____

	Record your analysis here.
Title: What does the title suggest the poem is about?	
Paraphrase: What is the persona saying? What is the literal meaning of the poem. Does it seem different from what the poet is saying?	
Connotation: What are the layers of meaning in the poem? Diction, figurative language, imagery, rhyme, rhythm, stanza structure, conventional forms, symbolism, point of view,	

<p>Attitude (tone): What is the tone of the poem? What creates the tone? Does the speaker have one attitude and the poet has a different one?</p>	
<p>Shift: Does the persona seem to change during the course of the poem? Is there a change in tone? What is the change? Where does it occur? Look for transition words, punctuation, stanza division, changes in line length, irony, changes in rhyme or diction.</p>	
<p>Title: Look at the title again – does your reading of the poem change your original analysis? How? Do you notice any new significance?</p>	
<p>Theme: What is the theme of the poem?</p>	