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For th	is project you will read and analyze a poem. The following instructions will help you find meaning within the .
1. W	hat does the title mean?
Take a	a look at the title and reflect on what it means:
(You v	will need this for the introductory paragraph of your interpretation essay.)
2. Pu	t it in your own words
summ	the poem two or three times. You will see something different each time you read the poem. Write a brief nary of the poem in your own words. Highlight or list some of the words (nouns, verbs, phrases) that are tant to understanding the poem.
	nat do you think the poem means?
Now t	think about the meaning of the poem, not just the obvious meaning of each word but what they mean beyond teral. Do these words suggest something else? Answer these questions:
1.	Who is the subject of the poem?
2.	What are they talking about?
3.	Why do you think the author wrote the poem?
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4. Pa	radigm shift
chang	poems tell us about a poet's understanding of an experience so the beginning will be different then the end. The se may be in feelings, language (slang to formal), or connotation (positive to negative). Explain how these shifts by the poem's message.

## 5. Poetic devices: Tools of the poet

Identify different poetic devices and how they convey the poem's message. Number the lines in your poem to reference them.

Simile – comparison using like or as		
Metaphor – a direct comparison		
Personification – giving human qualities to nonhuman things		
Tone – what emotion does the speaker use as he talks		
Point of view – who is the telling the poem		
Imagery – creating pictures with words		
Alliteration – repeating the same letter		
6. Theme		
Identify the theme (central idea) of the poem. How does the theme convey the poem's message?		
vising the title		
Now look at the title again. Do you now have a different interpretation of the title?		

## 7. Your Interpretation

On one page, analyze and interpret the poem you've been assigned to illustrate. Use complete sentences and paragraphs and make sure your handwriting is legible.

Start with an introductory paragraph. It should contain the title and an explanation of the writer's position as well as

the significance of the title. Include a brief overall statement of the meaning of the poem. This will lead you into the body of the analysis. In the body of the analysis, discuss how the poem was written, which poetic devices were used,			
the tone, the poet's attitude, and the shift of the poem from the beginning to the poet's ultimate understanding of the experience in the end. Add your interpretation of the poem.			

## 8. Peer Review

First, read the poems and the analyses. Then, write your review of the interpretation.

Base your comments on the following topics:

- Comment on those elements of your classmate's interpretation of the poem with which you agree.
- Comment on those elements of your classmate's interpretation of the poem with which you disagree.
- Discuss your reaction to the poem compared to your classmate's reaction.

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