



Analyzing Poetry

Name: _____

Date: _____

Fill out the information below to help you analyze your poem. Pass in.

Before you start to read a poem, look at its physical characteristics. How long is it? Is there a pattern to the poem's structure?

Next, look at the title. What does it suggest the poem will be about?

Read the poem through once without stopping and then write down your reactions to it. Ask yourself questions like the following. What is it about? How does it make you feel? What kinds of images does it create in your mind? Is it an enjoyable poem? Can you relate to it? Was it difficult to read?

Does the poem tell a story? Share an opinion? Describe something?

What is the context of the poem? (What is the situation in the poem?)

What effect do you think the poet was trying to achieve with this poem? Was he or she successful? Give details to support your opinion.