Poetry Rubric

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| **Category** | **Excellent** | **Good** | **Satisfactory** | **Does Not Meet** |
| Meaning & Originality | Poem is creative and original. It is evident that the poet put thought into their words and uniquely conveyed their ideas and emotions. | Poem is thoughtful and creative. A couple of phrases or ideas may be revisited, but the overall product is carefully written. | Most of the poem is creative, but appears to be rushed. This is evident in the poet's redundancy or use of cliches. | Poems appear to be thoughtless or rushed. Work is very repetitive, and ideas are unoriginal. |
| Theme | The poem has a clear, controlling idea. Its theme is clear and identifiable. | The poem has a fairly clear idea. Its theme is fairly clear. | The poem does not have a clear idea. The theme is somewhat clear. | The poem's idea is not clear at all. The theme is not identifiable. |
| Sensory Details | Vivid, detailed images and intensely felt emotion make the poem come alive. | Clear sensory images are used to portray ideas or emotions. | Some use of image, idea, or emotion. | Difficult to visualize image or emotion. |
| Form | The poem is complete and follows its intended form. | The poem is written in its proper form with a few mistakes. | The poem is somewhat written in its proper form. | The poem is not written in its proper form. |
| Grammar | Proper use of English spelling and grammar is used consistently throughout each poem. Punctuation is utilized when necessary. | A couple of spelling or grammar mistakes are evident, but do not diminish the meaning of the poem. Punctuation is utilized when necessary. | The poet's intended meaning is confusing by several spelling or grammar errors. Punctuation may be misused. | There are numerous spelling or grammar errors, making the poems difficult to understand. Punctuation is used incorrectly. |
| Format | Complies with all the requirements listed in the directions of the project. | Complies with almost all the requirements listed in the directions. | Complies with some of the requirements listed in the directions. | Complies with less than 75% of the requirements listed in the directions. |
| Neatness | Poem is typed, not wrinkled, and easy to read. It was done with pride. | Poem is typed, clean, not wrinkled and is easy to read. It was done with care. | Poem is typed and is slightly crumpled or slightly stained. It was done with some care. | Poem is typed and is wrinkled. It appears to have been done in a hurry or stored improperly. |