Lesson #1 Assessment Worksheet

Student Name:

Resource # _____

The critical attributes of poetry include that a poem is a unique type of literary work that:

1. communicates a concentrated, **imaginative experience,**
2. uses carefully chosen and arranged **language,**
3. has a distinctive **structure and form,**
4. provokes a specific **emotional response** in the reader.

Variable attributes of poetry include (but are not limited to): a) the use of rhyme, b) use of lines and stanzas, c) the capitalization of the first letter of each line, d) punctuation.

Referring to one of the poems you explored in class, please respond to the following prompts:

1. What is the "concentrated imaginative experience" communicated by the author of the poem? It might help to consider what the poem is about or what thoughts or feelings are shared.

2. What did you notice about the author's selection and arrangement of language in the poem? It might help to consider whether there are words or phrases that appear placed on purpose in a particular location or way. Try to back up your statement with a specific example from the poem.

3. What is distinctive or special about the style and/or rhythm of the poem? Can you give an example of a portion of the poem that makes your point?

4. What emotional response do you think the poem is supposed to cause? What makes you think so?

5. What is distinctive (or special) about the meaning, sound, and rhythm? Can you give an example from the poem?

6. Did any of the critical attributes confuse you? If so, explain.