

Poetry Rubric

	4	3	2	1	Points
Form	Creatively uses an appropriate poetic form. Complete with more than four stanzas with four lines each.	Effectively uses an appropriate poetic form. Complete with four stanzas of four lines each.	May use an appropriate poetic form. Fewer than four stanzas of four lines each	Uses an inappropriate poetic form. Too few stanzas or stanza length is incorrect.	
Word Usage	Use of vocabulary is precise, vivid, and paints a strong clear and complete picture in the reader's mind.	Use of vocabulary is routine and workable.	Use of vocabulary is more telling than showing.	Use of vocabulary is very basic.	
Techniques	Effectively uses poetic techniques such as figurative language to reinforce the theme.	Uses poetic techniques such as figurative language to reinforce the theme.	Uses some poetic techniques such as figurative language to reinforce the theme.	Uses few poetic techniques such as figurative language.	
Grammar	Has grade level appropriate spelling, grammar, and punctuation. Contains few, if any, errors that do not interfere with the reader's understanding.	Has mainly grade level appropriate spelling, grammar, and punctuation. Contains some errors that do not interfere with the reader's understanding.	May contain many errors in spelling, grammar, and or punctuation that may interfere with the reader's understanding.	May contain frequent and numerous errors in spelling, grammar, and punctuation that interfere with the reader's understanding.	
Effort	Demonstrates a complete understanding of the assignment and goes beyond the requirements.	Demonstrates an understanding of the assignment.	Demonstrates some understanding of the assignment.	Lacks understanding of the assignment.	