Structure How is the poem organized? How does it conform or diverge from the conventions of the form? Rhyme scheme? Repetition? Sound devices? Structure within a line? Consider the effect of these choices.

Word choice What words does the poet use to elicit emotion? What patterns do you see in the word choice? What is the effect?

Imagery What images and instances of sensory language are used in the poem? What ideas are associated with these images? How do they contribute to the message of the poem?

Figurative Language How is figurative language (metaphor, simile, personification, hyperbole, etc.) used? How does it enhance the poem?

Theme and tone What is the speaker’s attitude towards the subject matter? What is the poet’s message—this should be a universal

thematic statement (no one-word themes).

\* Include examples from the poem for each category along with your explanation and analysis.