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Date _____

POETRY PALOOZA PLANNING GUIDE

Poem Interpretation Questions:

1. What is the author saying or talking about in this poem?
2. In reference to question number one, how do you know? Provide evidence from the poem to support your response.
3. Quote an example (or two) of figurative language from the poem.
4. Infer what the author means by the line(s) of figurative language or connotation you chose.
5. What is the mood/tone of the poem? What are some of the words that help you determine this mood/tone?

Poem Evaluation Questions:

1. What made the descriptive words in the poem effective in imagery, emotion, and/or music? (may include word choice, rhythm, rhyme, line breaks, etcetera)
2. How did the figurative language help you picture or feel something and connect to the poem's meaning?
3. Did you locate any symbolism in your poem? If so, please quote the specific text where symbolism was found, and describe your inference(s).
4. What real world connections did you make to the poem?
Deciding which college to go to - I had to think a lot about which one to go to and what would be best for me.
5. Was the author effective in portraying a message? Why or why not?