



7th Grade Poetry Common Core Assessment: Three Samples

After reading each of the following poems, complete the included response frames. Remember, when completing response frames, copy the entire bold section, including punctuation. Points will be deducted for errors.

“Mother to Son” by Langston Hughes (p.144)

- 1) **The speaker in this poem has had a _____ life. I know this because in line _____ she compares her life to _____.**

- 2) **A “crystal stair” life would be one in which _____.**

- 3) **A reader might assume the speaker did not receive formal schooling because _____.**

- 4) **One line in which she tells her son not to give up is _____.**

“The Courage that My Mother Had” by Edna St. Vincent Millay (p.145)

- 5) **The reader can tell the speaker’s mother is dead because in line _____ she says _____.**

- 6) **The speaker’s mom left her a _____, but she wishes she got her _____ instead.**

7) In line ____, the speaker says “and I have.” The thing she has is _____. (hint: It’s not physical)

8) The mother in these two poems are both _____. You can tell because the speaker _____.

“Father William” by Lewis Carroll (p.369)

9) The boy in the poem treats Father William _____. I know this because he calls him ____, ____, and ____.

10) One impossible thing mentioned in this poem is when Father William _____.

11) You can tell that Father William had a _____ marriage because he explains _____.

12) How is the relationship between young and old different in this poem than in the last two?

BONUS CHALLENGE QUESTION!

13) You can tell that “Father William” is not the boy’s actual father because _____.
