



## Unpacking Poetry: Research Template

After choosing your poem, answer the following questions. Remember, if the question is in the form of a response frame, you must **copy** the provided parts of the sentence and **then** fill in the blanks.

### Part 1: First Impressions

- 1) I chose this poem because \_\_\_\_\_.

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- 2) What three words from this poem most caught your attention?

\_\_\_\_\_

- 3) If you were forced to get one line of this poem tattooed on your body, which would it be?

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- 4) I think this poem is about \_\_\_\_\_.

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- 5) If you found this poem written in your friend's notebook, what 3 emotions might they be feeling?

\_\_\_\_\_

- 6) \_\_\_\_\_ might inspire a person to write this poem.

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## Part 2: Research

Now that you've gotten to know your poem a little better, use the internet to discover the following things about the poet who wrote it. Follow the same instructions as before, but this time, whenever you use an online source to find the answer, record the URL in the below. If you use a printed source, write the name of the book or encyclopedia, as well as the author. **If you use a source for more than one answer, simply write the box # that contains the URL or book title you used. Do not waste time writing the same URL or book title over and over.**

7) This poem was written by \_\_\_\_\_, who was born in \_\_\_\_\_ the year \_\_\_\_\_.

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Source for #7

8) This poet's family life was \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.

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Source for #8

9) This poet's jobs have included \_\_\_\_\_.

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Source for #9

10) This poet might have been influenced by \_\_\_\_\_ (person, place, life event, etc)

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Source for #10

11) This poet's wrote mostly about \_\_\_\_\_, probably because he/she \_\_\_\_\_.

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Source for #7