POETRY ANALYSIS
PARAGRAPH
What does it mean to “analyze” a poem?

• We are trying to figure out what the theme of the poem is...

AND

• How the poet uses literary devices (figurative language, imagery, repetition, symbolism, etc) to make their point about the theme in the poem
Elements Adding Meaning

• How does the poet use these elements to make his/her point?
  
• For example:
  
• “My love is like a bright sun, shining for you always” (l. 17).

A simile might be used to get the reader to understand the comparison of their love to a brightly burning sun.

• “Come back to me / Come back to me” (ll. 14, 18)

Repetition might be used to make a point very clear; to show that they are desperate to get their love back.
Directions

• You are to write an in-depth analysis of a poem.
• Focus specifically on the use of **three to four** literary devices: **imagery** (smell, taste, touch, sight, hear), **tone/mood**, **figurative language** (simile, metaphor, personification, onomatopoeia, alliteration), **symbolism**, **allusion**, **repetition**, or **rhyme**.
Paragraph Breakdown

• STEP # 1

• Topic Sentence (1-2 sentences)- lists the Poem title and author, explains the overall theme.

• In “A Dream Deferred”, Langston Hughes uses the literary devices of figurative language, tone, and diction to show that keeping people from achieving their dreams can have destructive consequences.

• Introduce the poem/poet, tell what literary devices are being used, and explain what theme the literary devices are showing the reader.
Introduction

• Attention getter/ hook; introduce the title of the poem and poet’s name. Explain the overall theme/message. What is the author trying to tell readers about life? End with your thesis statement (mention topic and attitude).
The man’s heart broke into a thousand pieces as he watched his former love walk away. Everyone has been through heartbreak and Pablo Neruda expresses his sadness in the poem, “Tonight I Write”. The poem speaks of heartbreak and sorrow, but ends with a promise to stop loving the woman once and for all. Neruda uses a variety of literary devices to show the pain and suffering he went through.
Body of Paragraph

• For your paragraph, choose at least 3-4 literary device:
  • Imagery, Figurative Language, Tone/Mood, Rhyme, Repetition, Allusion, Symbolism

• You will then give examples of your literary device and how it adds importance/significance to the meaning of the poem.
P.E.E.L

• Topic Sentence(s)
• Evidence/Support (Lines from the poem)
• Commentary
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• Commentary
• Concluding Sentence
YOU MUST ANSWER THIS QUESTION: How is the poet using this literary device to make his point?