



PUMPKIN POETRY ANALYSIS

NAME: _____

DIRECTIONS: AFTER READING YOUR CHOSEN POEM 2–3 TIMES, ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY.

1. Name of poem: _____
2. Who is the speaker in this poem? What kind of person are they?
3. What is the setting (time and place) of the poem?
4. In a single sentence, state the poem's theme (central idea).
5. Describe the structure of the poem. How does this relate to the content of the poem? Does the structure itself add meaning to the poem?
6. What is the tone of the poem? Provide examples to explain why you think this.
7. Notice the poem's diction (word choice). Discuss a few words which seem especially well-chosen.



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8. Identify different poetic devices and explain how they contribute to the poem's message.

<u>Simile</u> a comparison using <i>like</i> or <i>as</i>	
<u>Metaphor</u> a direct comparison	
<u>Personification</u> giving human qualities to nonhuman things	
<u>Imagery</u> creating pictures with words	
<u>Alliteration</u> repeating the same letter	

9. Why do you think the poet wrote this poem?

10. How does this poem relate to agriculture? What, if anything, does it share about growing pumpkins?

11. How does this poem relate to any of the other texts we've read in class?

12. List 2-3 questions that you would still like to be answered about this poem.