***The Story of a Poet***

**WRITTEN ESSAY SCORING GUIDE**

**Group Members: Poet: Time:**

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:

* Thoughtful background on poet, influences, and motivations

Answers questions:

* + Why is this person worthy of study?
  + What is interesting about his/her life and biography?
  + What is interesting about his/her writing?
  + Why should we care about his/her poetry?
  + What is this poet known for?
* *Thoughtful* discussion of poet’s influence on audience and contributions to literary, social, or political world
* Discussion of poem in the context of the literary era in which it was written

POEM ANALYSIS: ­­­­­­­

1. Summary of poem:

* Accurately/thoroughly put the poem into your own words. *Remember, this will be submitted to turnitin.com! Summary must be original.*

1. Analysis of Experiences, Meaning, and Tone:

* Analyze the experiences within the poem
* Analyze and explain the meaning of the poem
* Analyze the tone(s) within the poem. If there are shifts in tone, identify where those are and analyze their purpose and effect.
* Use details (quotes) from the poem and elaborate

POEM ANALYSIS (con’t):

1. Analysis of Craft:

* Analyze poetic technique and form
* Identify various poetic devices used throughout the poem and analyze their purpose and effect within the poem (use your notes on analyzing craft to help you)
* Shifts or patterns in the poem
* Mirroring of intent (remember, *form follows function*)

1. Additional poetic commentary:

* Elaborate on the poem’s significance to you, the world, or the human condition

GENERAL WRITTEN REQUIREMENTS:

* Proper citations of *all material*—direct and indirect (correlated to WC page)
* At least 4 *credible* sources
* Varied sources in each paragraph
* Writer (you) voice and thoughts mixed in with research
* Essay: 4-5 pages (minimum; 2 ½ bio; 2 ½ poem analysis)
* Accurate MLA Works Cited page
* MLA format
* Attached copies of *thoroughly annotated* poem
* Proofread (titles of poems go in “”)
* COMPLETE SUBMISSION TO TURNITIN.COM

**TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ / 50**