

Poetry Analysis Essay

Introduction

- A. Attention-getter (question, quote, fact)
- B. Title and Author of poem you are analyzing
- C. Clear Thesis that names the key elements to be analyzed.
 - d. Example "In 'Nothing Gold Can Stay', poet Robert Frost touches upon the beauty of things that are new and young, through use of natural imagery, metaphor and allusion.:
 - e. If you have any trouble remember to refer to your Transitional Words Sheet.

Body

A. Meaning and Message

- i. Surface Meaning (what is happening in the poem?)
- ii. Deeper Meaning (what is the poem actually about?)
- iii. Theme (what is the message about life?)

B. Metaphor

- i. What Metaphors are used?
- ii. What are these metaphors referring to?
- iii. Sentence frame: "The verse _____ is metaphor. This metaphor is illustrating that_____."

C. Similes

- i. What similes are being used?
- ii. How are these comparisons affecting the message of the text?
- iii. Sentence frame: "_____ is a simile comparing _____ to _____. This indicates that_____."