Poetry Assessment Rubric

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Use the following checklist to evaluate your work or that of a classmate for the traits of effective writing.

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|  | **Stimulating IDEAS** |
|  | ***The writing . . .**** focuses on a specific memory, feeling, image, or person.
* brings the subject to life.
* contains strong images.
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|  | **Logical ORGANIZATION** |
|  | ***The writing . . .**** forms a meaningful word picture—an idea creatively developed and presented.
* deepens its meaning in the final lines.
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|  | **Engaging VOICE** |
|  | ***The writing . . .**** uses words and phrases to create vivid images.
* maintains a consistent voice throughout.
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|  | **Original WORD CHOICE** |
|  | ***The writing . . .**** contains specific sensory details.
* employs poetic techniques.
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|  | **Effective SENTENCE STYLE** |
|  | ***The writing . . .**** moves smoothly from one line or idea to the next.
* sounds pleasing when read out loud.
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|  | **Correct, Accurate COPY** |
|  | ***The writing . . .**** is free of careless errors.
* follows the required form (if it is a traditional poem).
* looks interesting on the page (if it is a free-verse poem).
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