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| **Content (40 points)** | **Excellent****10-9** | **Good****8** | **Average****7** | **Poor****6** | **Unacceptable****5 or less** |
| includes a strong and focused thesis statement that answers the main assignment question |  |  |  |  |  |
| provides specific examples from the poem/piece to illustrate and support the thesis |  |  |  |  |  |
| provides evidence of critical thinking |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Notes**: |
| **Organization (20 points)** | **Excellent****10-9** | **Good****8** | **Average****7** | **Poor****6** | **Unacceptable****5 or less** |
| follows a clear organizational logic |  |  |  |  |  |
| develops focused paragraphs with topic sentences that connect to the thesis  |  |  |  |  |  |
| provides smooth transitions between paragraphs |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Notes**: |
| **Style (20 points)** | **Excellent****10-9** | **Good****8** | **Average****7** | **Poor****6** | **Unacceptable****5 or less** |
| appropriately varies sentence structure, using compound, complex and simple sentences |  |  |  |  |  |
| incorporates and integrates quotations smoothly and effectively into text |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Notes**:  |
| **Mechanics (20 points)** | **Excellent****10-9** | **Good****8** | **Average****7** | **Poor****6** | **Unacceptable****5 or less** |
| uses correct grammar, mechanics, spelling, and punctuation |  |  |  |  |  |
| uses correct documentation (MLA) |  |  |  |  |  |
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