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## Poetic Comparison

Go to <http://writersalmanac.publicradio.org/>

- With your group members, look through *The Writer's Almanac* website and select a pair of poems to compare together and another pair to compare by yourself.
- Don't see anything you immediately like? Try the search box or browse the archives. There are over 1,300 poems to be found and enjoyed.

<p><b>Step 1: Paraphrase the poem.</b> Write a sentence or two that describes the poem, expressing the feeling and images the poem gives you in your own words.</p>	<p>Poem: _____ Poet: _____</p>	
<p><b>Step 2: Comment on the imagery.</b> What images or pictures did the poem give you? How did those images add to the poem's emotional quality? Was the poet consistent in using the same images?</p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">DIFFERENT</p>	
<p><b>Step 3: Comment on the poem's "mood".</b> Describe what feeling you get from the poem. Are you left feeling happy or uplifted, sad, angry, what? What words did the poet use to invoke that feeling?</p>		<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">DIFFERENT</p>
<p><b>Step 4: What's your opinion?</b> Overall, what did you like about each poem? Did either "connect" with you somehow? Was either poem "good" or "bad"? Why?</p>		