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Date: _____

Hour: _____

Poetic Commentary: Group or Individual

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

- With your group members, look through *The Writer's Almanac* website and select a poem to work on together and another to work on 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.

Step 1: Paraphrase the poem.

Write a sentence or two that describes the poem, expressing the feeling and images the poem gives you in your own words.

Step 2: Comment on the imagery.

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?

Step 3: Comment on the poem's "mood" or feeling with which you left.

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?

Step 4: What's your opinion?

Overall, did you like the poem? Did it "connect" with you somehow? Was this a "good" or "bad" poem? Why?
