**Poem Research Paper Process Notebook Rubric**

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| **Poem Annotations**   * Annotations are numerous/appropriate in number * Annotations reflect on meaningful aspects of the poem (diction, syntax, connotations, etc.) * Annotations reflect the PURPOSE/SIGNIFICANCE of the meaningful aspects of the poem * Annotations go beyond plot summary * Annotations demonstrate sophisticated observations and connections | 0-2/5 requirements  (0-6 points) | 3/5 requirements  (8-10 points) | 4-5/5 requirements  (12-13 points) | 5/5 requirements  (5 points for each type of annotation=15 points) |
| **Guided Questions**   * All questions are answered and meet the required lengths * Responses are detailed and complex; clear and purposeful diction * Responses indicate a reflective interaction with the poem * Responses are sophisticated and analyze the poem in an insightful and creative manner * Effort is clear and undeniable | * 0-1/5 requirements included   (0-4 points) | * 2-3/5 requirements included   (5-6 points) | * 4-5/5 requirements included * Attempts requirements and needs to be more specific/clarified   (7-9 points) | * 5/5 requirements--very well done! All responses are sophisticated in complexity, thoughtfulness, and originality.   (10 points) |
| **Definition Defense**   * Defines operative word in thesis * Choose appropriate and clearly different definitions that allow for analytical exploration * Definitions are correctly cited in MLA * Analyzes connotations/implications of operative word * Explains the relevance of operative word/definitions in the essay; defines any other necessary/important terminology | * 0-1/5 requirements included   (0-4 points) | * 2-3/5 requirements included   (5-6 points) | * 4-5/5 requirements included * Attempts requirements and needs to be more specific/clarified   (7-9 points) | * 5/5 requirements--very well done! All annotations are sophisticated in complexity, thoughtfulness, and originality.   (10 points) |
| **Sample Paragraph**   * Relates directly to the thesis statement * Utilizes definition of operative word for analysis * Uses research and examples from the poem to support the thesis * Integrates quotations effectively including introductions for every quote and citations * Includes a detailed analysis of each piece of evidence * Style includes strong diction and avoids awkward syntax; language adds meaning * Written in present tense * Doesn’t use personal pronouns * All cited sources are credible and scholarly * Meets all typical formatting and mechanical requirements: MLA, point of view, header, etc. | * 0-4/10 requirements included * Entire 4-6 page draft is not completed   (0-8 points) | * 5-6/10 requirements included   (12 points) | * 7-9/10 requirements included * Attempts requirements and needs to be more specific/clarified   (16 points) | * 10/10 requirements--Entire paragraph is sophisticated in complexity, thoughtfulness, and originality. All technical aspects are flawlessly executed. * Entire 4-6 page draft is complete, including: introduction, definition defense, body paragraphs, and conclusion (10 points)   (30 points) |
| **Total:** |  |  |  |  |

Rookie Mistakes Incurred:

\_\_ Titles not italicized

\_\_ Incorrect in-text citations

\_\_ Not written in present tense

\_\_ Personal pronouns used

\_\_ Commonly confused words

\_\_ Agreement issues

\_\_ Possessive issues

\_\_ This shows/this quote shows