**1. How do you read and understand poetry?**

 **a.) Read the poem more that once and stick to the**

 **punctuation.**

 **b.) Number the lines.**

 **c.) What does the title mean?**

 **d.) Who is the speaker? (NOT the poet or author!)**

 **e.) What is the author's purpose? What's the point**

 **of this poem: Shared experience or ideas or**

 **feelings? Celebration? Memorial?**

 **f.) What do you notice?**

 **1. Structure-stanzas-organization?**

 **2. Unusual punctuation or vocabulary?**

 **3. Rhyme scheme?**

 **4. Rhythm (iambic pentameter?)?**

 **5. Metaphors? Similes?**

 **6. Symbols? Allusions?**

 **7. Alliteration? Assonance?**

 **8. Onomatopoeia?**