**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?**