

SOUND DEVICES RUBRIC

Student's Name: _____

Date: _____

CATEGORY	4	3	2	1
Word Choice	Writer uses vivid words and phrases that linger or create images in the reader's mind, and the choice and placement of the words seem accurate, natural, and appropriate.	Writer uses vivid words and phrases that linger or create images in the reader's mind, but occasionally the words are used inaccurately or seem out of place.	Writer uses words that communicate clearly, but the writing lacks variety, punch, or flair.	Writer uses a limited vocabulary, which does not communicate strongly or capture the reader's interest. Jargon or clichés may be present and detract from the meaning.
Sound Devices	Writer accurately uses and labels at least five sound devices (e.g., assonance, consonance, alliteration, onomatopoeia)	Writer attempts to use at least five sound devices, but one or two may be inaccurately labeled or used incorrectly. -OR- Writer uses and labels only four sound devices.	Writer attempts to use some sound devices, but three or four may be inaccurately labeled or used incorrectly. -OR- Writer uses and labels only three sound devices.	Writer attempts to use sound devices, but most are inaccurately labeled or used incorrectly. -OR- Writer does not use sound devices.
Line Breaks	The poem is 7 to 10 lines long, and the writer effectively uses line breaks to add emphasis and meaning to the poem.	The poem is 7 to 10 lines long, but the writer ineffectively attempts to use line breaks to add emphasis and meaning to the poem.	The poem is fewer than 7 lines long, and the writer haphazardly uses line breaks to add emphasis and meaning to the poem.	Writer does not use line breaks. The poem looks like a prose paragraph. The poem is fewer than 5 lines long.
Writing Conventions	Writer makes no errors in grammar or spelling.	Writer makes one or two errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content.	Writer makes three or four errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content.	Writer makes more than four errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content.