**Poetry Analysis Outline**

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| **Topic Sentence**  Include the title, author and genre. Your topic sentence MUST address the prompt given by your teacher. |  |
| **Attitude**  Who is the speaker? What is the *tone* (author’s attitude) and *mood* (emotional effect on the reader)? |  |
| **Paraphrase**  Translate the poem into your own words. Tell the reader what each line or stanza means (depending on the length of the poem). |  |
| **Imagery**  What kinds of poetic devices does the poet use? What is their figurative meaning? How do these poetic devices enhance the poem? Use direct quotes and include an in-text citation of the line or stanza number. |  |
| **Theme**  What is the overall theme or message the poet is trying to tell the reader? |  |