## English FP 11/12: Poetry Analysis

For this unit you'll be choosing 2 poems to analyze. If you're choosing your own poem please run it by Rory or Margo first. This does not need to be an essay – you can answer each section in 2-3 sentences.

1) How did you feel as you read the poem? What kind of emotions did it bring out?
2) What do you think about the poet's ideas or messages in the poem? Do you agree or disagree with them? Explain.
3) What are your favourite images in the poem? Choose 2-3 passages or lines that you found visually powerful.
4) What did you think about the sound of the poem – its rhyme, rhythm, and the sound of the words?
5) How does this poem connect with your personal life, or experiences you've had?

6) What would you say to the poet or ask them if you had a chance?
7) What do you think the poet is trying to say in this poem? What are one or two of the central messages in the poem?
8) What is an example of the poet appealing to your sense of hearing in the poem?
9) What is an example of the poet appealing to your sense of smell or taste in the poem?
10) What is an example of the poet appealing to your sense of touch in the poem?
11) Look for the following figurative devices. Find as many examples of each in the poem:
a) Metaphor:
b) Simile:

c) Alliteration:
d) Onomatopoeia:
e) Hyperbole:
f) Allusion:
g) Personification:
h) Symbolism:
i) Foreshadowing:
12) What is an example of the poet building mood in the poem? What is their tone?