Western Expansion Poem



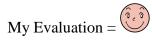
Using the notes you have gathered during your webquest, write a poem about an individual, group, or experience your read about during our country's westward expansion. Your poem will be graded according to the rubric on the next page.

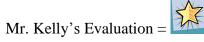
Poetry Rubric

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Criteria	Focus	Content	Organization	Style	Conventions
Advanced	The topics of your poems	The form/shape exactly	The poems follow a	Ideas are exceptionally	Few grammar, spelling,
4 Points	are evident. There is an	matches the type of poem	precise order that flows	descriptive with	capitalization, and
	evident point to the poem.	you're writing.	from one sentence to the	illustrative word choice	punctuation errors
			next.	and PLENTY of	(2 or less per poem)
	"I can visualize or feel	"Hey, your poems looks		figurative language.	
	the topic of your poem.	just like the examples."	"This poem is like a		
	There is a point to your		flowing river, smooth,	"This poem is extremely	
	poem."		regular, and consistent."	descriptive and	
				expressive."	
Proficient	The topics of your poem	The form/shape is close	The poem has a logical	Ideas are descriptive with	Some grammar, spelling,
3 Points	are clear. There is a point	to the type of poem	order from one sentence	adequate word choice and	capitalization, and
	to your poem.	you're writing.	to the next.	some figurative language.	punctuation errors
		"Your poems look a lot	"This poem is like a		(3-4 errors per poem)
	"I get a good idea or feel	like the examples we	stream, with some	"This poem is	
	for your poem. I get	studied."	flowing parts and some	descriptive."	
	your point."		choppy parts."		



Basic	There is little evidence of a	The form/shape vaguely	The order is somewhat	Ideas are somewhat	Many grammar, spelling,
2 Points	clear topic. There is not a	looks like the type of poem	random or choppy.	descriptive with limited	capitalization, and
2 Foliits	clear point to your poems.	you're writing.	"This poem is more like a	word choice.	punctuation errors
			whitewater rafting trip;		(5-6 errors per poem)
	"I think I know what your	"I think that poem is the	you're not sure what will	"This poem is lacking some	
	point is."	type of poem we're	come next."	description."	
		writing, but I can't tell for		_	
		sure."			
Below Basic	There is no evidence of a	There may or may not be	There is no evident order,	Ideas are bland and not	Grammar, spelling,
1 Point	clear topic. There is not a	any form/shape to your	just random ideas.	descriptive.	capitalization, and
1 Point	clear point	poem. It does not match the			punctuation errors interfere
		type of poem you're writing.	"This poem is like a	"This poem needs much	with the meaning
	"I see some ideas but I		waterfall that runs into the	more description."	(7 or more errors per
	have no clue what you're	"What kind of poem is	desert. The flow is not	_	poem)
	point is."	that?"	consistent."		





Advance	Proficient	Basic	Below Basic	
A+ = 20 Points	B+ = 17 Points	10 - 12 Points	9 Points or less	
A = 19 Points	B = 16 Points			
A - = 18 Points	B-/C+=15 Points			
	C = 14 Points			
	C - = 13 Points			

Note: The student placed a star on the poem they submitted for a grade.