

RUBRIC FOR POETRY

Name and number _____

MAKE SENSEIdeas and Contentclear, focused, fresh, original—
holds reader's attentionbeginning to define topic—
basic, general developmentsketchy sense of
purpose or theme

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Organizationorder, structure, presentation
moves reader through textadequate structure—no
undue confusionlacking internal
structure—random

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MAKE IT SIMPLE FOR THE READER TO UNDERSTANDConventions: Grammar, Capitalization, Punctuation, Usage, Spelling, Paragraphingreadable—few and/or
minor errorssome conventions followed,
some distracting errorsrepeated errors—
text difficult to read

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Conventions: Heading and Title, Margins, Spacing after Punctuation, Double-Spacing, Tabs

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SAY IT WITH STYLEVoiceindividual, expressive,
engagingsincere, pleasant—not
compellingindifferent,
uninvolved, lifeless

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Word Choicewords convey message—
precise, interestingfunctional, easy to figure
out—lacks punchlimited vocabulary—
wrong words, vague

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Fluencyflow, rhythm, varied structure
—reads aloud welltext hangs together, some
variation—businesslikechoppy, awkward,
monotonous

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