Part One:

Directions: As a means of gaining insight into the world of poetry, you are to read twenty-five poems using the sources listed below. You will record the title of the poem, the name of the poet, a brief biography of the poet, the location where you found the poem, a personal rating of the poem, as well as the most significant passage to you and an explanation of why it holds significance for you.

The goal of this assignment is to find poems that are interesting and meaningful to you – or at least a few that you are willing to puzzle over more in an analytical paper where you explain your interpretation of it, as well as meaningfully recite its content to the class in a presentation.

Among the 25 poems that you choose to read, you must include at least 10 different poets, and you must ensure that you collect poets from a diverse background of genders, cultures, and time periods. Though modern poetry may interest you, you are to push yourself to explore poetry from the early settlers of this country and countries around the world. Remember that poetry, like all writing, can have difficult content. Should you encounter a poem that is not pleasing or appropriate for school, please use your best judgment and omit it from your collection.

Because of the nature of this worksheet and the potential for you to need more space, you can keep a list of poems on notebook paper as well, as long as you include the expected criteria.

Allowable Sources:

1. Your textbook
2. Any books of poetry in my classroom
3. Any books of poetry found in the school or city library
4. The Poetry Foundation website or app - <http://www.poetryfoundation.org/>
5. The Writer’s Almanac website – <http://writersalmanac.publicradio.org/>
6. Poetry 180 - <http://www.loc.gov/poetry/180/p180-list.html>
7. Poets.org - <http://www.poets.org/>

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Part Two: Poetry from a Wide Spectrum of Sources

How does your list of poems and poets reflect a diverse background of writers and styles? Explain.

Part Three:

After you have collected your list of 25, highlight your favorite five poems.

Which of these is your favorite poem and why?

Which poem do you think you’ll choose for your analytical paper and why?