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CLOSE READING/ANNOTATION JOURNAL

Staple this sheet to the printed source.

Annotate each piece (poem, article, excerpt from novel) using the **Says/Does** method. Identify **four Says** phrases or words in the document. In the first column, identify what the author **SAYS**. This is the content of the piece. In the second column, explain what the text **DOES**. These are the creative writing techniques used by the author. In the **BECAUSE** column, explain the impact the author is trying to make through the text.

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| Title of the piece: | | | |
| Author: | | | |
| Format (circle one): | Poetry | Magazine article | Book |

| Paragraph/ stanza numbers | SAYS (content) | DOES (writing techniques used to convey the message) | BECAUSE (impact on the reader) |
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Use the verbs and creative writing techniques in these tables to describe what the text does.

VERBS

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| Analyzes | Concludes | Details | Justifies | Proves |
| Argues | Connects | Develops | Lists | Qualifies |
| Asks | Contradicts | Distinguishes | Narrates | Questions |
| Asserts | Contrasts | Discusses | Offers | Reflects |
| Challenges | Debates | Dramatizes | Opposes | States |
| Clarifies | Demonstrates | Elaborates | Predicts | Suggest |
| Compiles | Defines | Establishes | Presents | Summarizes |
| Compares | Describes | Evaluates | Proposes | Traces |

CREATIVE WRITING TECHNIQUES

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| Anecdotes Character development Dialogue Emotional appeal | Figures of speech Heavy description Imaginative language Mataphors/similies | Pint of view Plot development Underlying theme Vivid setting |
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| Who is the audience for this piece: How do you know? Explain. |
| What is the purpose of this piece? How do you know? Explain. |
| Based on the audience and purpose , to what extent does this piece connect to your thematic statement ? Explain. |
| What is the organizational structure of the writing? Explain. |
| Why did the writer develop his/her theme using this organizational structure ? |