

TPCASTT Template

Title Before reading: What do you think the title means?	
Paraphrase You may do this right next to the actual poem	
Connotation of some of the words – think figurative language!	
Attitude What is the attitude of the author, characters, or even you as the reader?	
Shift At first the reader thinks or feels one way – then there is a shift: identify the shift(s)	
Title revisited After reading: any new insights on meaning or significance of title now that you've read the whole poem?	
Theme What would you say the theme of this poem is? What message was the poet trying to get across?	