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| **Assessment Category** | **Beginning - 1** | **Developing - 2** | **Accomplished - 3** | **Exemplary - 4** |
| **Content/Theme** | -Subject of the poem is not unique or is unclear  -Message to the reader is unclear  -Weak poetic arc | -Subject of the poem is not unique  -Message to the reader is somewhat unclear  -Poetic arc is undeveloped | -Situation or subject is described  -Message to the reader is mostly clear  -Contains a poetic arc (beginning, middle, end) | -Situation or subject is described in a creative and unique way  -Message to the reader is clear  -Well-developed poetic arc (beginning, middle, end) |
| **Language** | -Poor use of language  -Poetic devices and figurative language are not used  -Word choice is bland or awkward | -Acceptable use of figurative language and poetic devices  -Some bland or awkward word choice | -Good use of figurative language and poetic devices  -Word choice is fairly clear, creative, and descriptive | -Excellent use of **poetic devices** such as *imagery and alliteration*  -Effective use of **figurative language** such as *similes and hyperbole*  -Word choice is clear, creative, and descriptive |
| **Conventions** | -Numerous errors in spelling, capitalization, and/or punctuation were noted  -Errors are distracting to the reader | -Several errors in spelling, capitalization, and/or punctuation were noted  -Errors may be distracting to the reader | -Almost entirely free of errors in spelling,  capitalization, and punctuation | -Correct spelling, capitalization, and punctuation are used throughout the poem |

**12pts = 100%, 11pts = 95%, 10pts = 90%, 9pts = 85%, 8pts = 80%, 7pts = 75%, 6pts = 70%, 5pts = 65%, 4pts = 60%**

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**\*The poem must contain a minimum of 20-25 lines. Consider the length of your lines. If your lines are fairly short, then write at least 25 lines. If your lines are lengthy and detailed, then your minimum is 20 lines. ACROSTIC POEMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**