Literal Summary Poetry Chart

Directions: Fill in the chart below and use to help you create a literal summary paragraph.

Title:
Author:
What is the subject of the poem? • What is happening in the poem? _____ • Is something being described? Is there a comparison (metaphor, simile, etc.) _____
List the main ideas (events, descriptions, comparisons, etc.) in the order they appear in the text.
1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____
How does the poem end? What is the point of the poem? Is there a message? 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Basic Template Summary Paragraph

- **The simplest way to write this kind of paragraph is by following the chronological (time-order) organization pattern.**
- **Start with the first stanza and move on to the next one until you've reached the final stanza in the paragraph.**
- **Do not leave out any stanzas, key events and/or descriptions**
- **If the poem is just one large stanza divide the poem in three sections (beginning, middle, and end) and then summarize each section**
- **Always use transitional expressions in well-developed paragraphs (8 or more sentences)**

Key events, descriptions, images, etc.	Your reaction to each stanza
Stanza #1 • •	• • •
Stanza #2 • •	• • •
Stanza #3 • •	• • •

Directions: Use the paragraph below as basic guide when constructing your paragraph.

The poem_____ by_____ opens with the speaker discussing_____ _____. The second stanza focuses on_____ _____ Next, the speaker addresses_____ _____. In the fourth stanza,_____. The poem concludes when,_____ _____.

Note: The writing frame above is simply a template, you may substitute different transitional expressions and so forth. It outlines the <u>minimum standard</u> excepted of our students in grade 8.