

Name: _____

Your Own Poem or Song

Ask yourself...

- Who is speaking in this poem? Is it just me, or a new car, or an old man from Serbia?
- Who is the audience? Is it this class, or the President, or my girlfriend/boyfriend?
- Does this poem have elements of genre? Crime, fantasy, romance, modern life?
- What is the poem's tone? (sarcastic, heartfelt, plain, patronizing, kind, desperate?)
- What is the point I'm trying to make with this poem? Do I even know yet, or will it come to me while I write?
- How do I want to make this point? Are there specific words (diction), figures of speech (metaphors, similies, etc), or strong images I might include?

Fill these out. If you don't know yet, start writing and come back to it.

Speaker: _____ Audience: _____

Genre(if any): _____ Tone: _____

Poem's point or theme: _____

Words, figures, or images I'd like to include: _____

Title: _____

(Use the other side or type it if you need more room.) Poem Read by: _____

Done writing?	Poem Rubric (self-assessment):	Score
1. Score your poem on this rubric.	The poem establishes a clear tone.	0 1 2 3 4
2. Find a partner. Read your poems to each other.	The poem uses fresh and vital language.	0 1 2 3 4
	I think I know the poem's Point of View.	0 1 2 3 4
	The poem uses striking (non-cliche) images.	0 1 2 3 4
	The poem makes a point.	0 1 2 3 4
	The poem inspires controversy/debate.	0 1 2 3 4