Please do not write on this paper. Please leave it for the next class. Record your answers on a separate sheet of paper.

**Poem #1- “Old Ironsides” (1830)** *Oliver Wendell Holmes*

Ay, tear her tattered ensign down!  
Long has it waved on high,  
And many an eye has danced to see  
That banner in the sky;  
Beneath it rung the battle shout,  
And burst the cannon's roar;--  
The meteor of the ocean air  
Shall sweep the clouds no more.

Her deck, once red with heroes' blood,  
Where knelt the vanquished foe,  
When winds were hurrying o'er the flood,  
And waves were white below,  
No more shall feel the victor's tread,  
Or know the conquered knee;--  
The harpies of the shore shall pluck  
The eagle of the sea!

Oh, better that her shattered bulk  
Should sink beneath the wave;  
Her thunders shook the mighty deep,  
And there should be her grave;  
Nail to the mast her holy flag,  
Set every threadbare sail,  
And give her to the god of storms,  
The lightning and the gale!

*Directions: At some point in your life, you have become emotionally attached to something that is worn out or old. It could be a shirt, an old dog, or a house you lived in. Write a paragraph about why you didn’t want to give up or get rid of it. (minimum five sentences)*

**Poem #2 – “Snow-bound”** (excerpt)*John Greenleaf Whittier*  
  
We watched the first red blaze appear,  
Heard the sharp crackle, caught the gleam  
On whitewashed wall and sagging beam,  
Until the old, rude-furnished room  
Burst, flower-like, into rosy bloom;  
While radiant with a mimic flame  
Outside the sparkling drift became,  
And through the bare-boughed lilac-tree  
Our own warm hearth seemed blazing free.

*Directions: Using the Literary Devices Chart, identify at least three literary devices that Whittier uses in this poem. Create your own chart that shows 1) the line or word(s), 2) the device being used, and 3) what it tells the reader.*

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**Poem #3- “Thanatopsis”** *William Cullen Bryant (The Father of American Poetry)*

**-** Found on pages 220-225 (textbook)

*Directions: List five claims that Bryant makes about death.*

<http://www.vcu.edu/engweb/webtexts/Bryant/thanatopsis.html>

**Poem #4- “The Tide Rises the Tide Falls”** Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

- Found on page 226 (textbook)

*Directions: Longfellow grew up by the coast of the Atlantic Ocean. This poem describes that. Using the same aabba rhyme scheme, write a one stanza poem about one of your favorite places in nature. (5 lines)*

<http://www.poetryfoundation.org/poem/173917>

**Poem #5- “The First Snowfall”** (excerpt) *James Russell Lowell*

THE snow had begun in the gloaming,   
And busily all the night   
Had been heaping field and highway   
With a silence deep and white.   
  
Every pine and fir and hemlock   
Wore ermine too dear for an earl,   
And the poorest twig on the elm-tree   
Was ridged inch deep with pearl.   
  
From sheds new-roofed with Carrara   
Came Chanticleer's muffled crow,   
The stiff rails were softened to swan's-down,   
And still fluttered down the snow.   
  
I stood and watched by the window   
The noiseless work of the sky,   
And the sudden flurries of snow-birds,   
Like brown leaves whirling by. 

*Directions: For this poem, simply draw a picture of this scene. Include as many details as you can find in this poem.*

**Carrara- marble tile Chanticleer- a rooster from fables**