**Do Now**

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**Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Directions:** Below are some song lyrics. Complete the graphic organizer to tell us what the author means.

You’re like 31 flavors you’re oh so cold

Feels like 30 straight days of falling snow

I’m so cold and alone, alone

You’re cold as ice

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Yeah I'm sorry, I can't afford a [Ferrari](http://www.elyricsworld.com/fuck_you_lyrics_cee-lo_green.html),
But that don't mean I can't get you there.
I guess he's an Xbox and I'm more Atari,
But the way you play your game ain't fair.

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**Class Work**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Directions: Identify the similes and metaphors and then describe what they mean.**

Still I Rise by Maya Angelou

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You may write me down in history
With your bitter, twisted lies,
You may trod me in the very dirt
But still, like dust, I'll rise.

Does my sassiness upset you?
Why are you beset with gloom?
'Cause I walk like I've got oil wells
Pumping in my living room.

Just like [moons](http://www.poemhunter.com/poem/still-i-rise/) and like suns,
With the certainty of tides,
Just like hopes springing high,
Still I'll rise.

Did you want to see me broken?
Bowed head and lowered eyes?
Shoulders falling down like teardrops.
Weakened by my soulful cries.

Does my haughtiness offend you?
Don't you take it awful hard
'Cause I laugh like I've got gold mines
Diggin' in my own back yard.

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You may shoot me with your words,
You may cut me with your eyes,
You may kill me with your

hatefulness,
But still, like air, I'll rise.

Out of the huts of history's shame
I rise
Up from a past that's rooted in pain
I rise
I'm a black [ocean](http://www.poemhunter.com/poem/still-i-rise/), leaping and wide,
Welling and swelling I bear in the tide.
Leaving behind nights of terror and fear
I rise
Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear
I rise
Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave,
I am the dream and the hope of the slave.
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1. What is this poem about?
2. What is the mood of the poem? How does the author *feel*?
3. Why do you think the author wrote this poem?

**More Practice! ☺**

**Directions:** On your own read the following poem and then use the table to analyze the poem and complete a paragraph analysis

**Life**

by Anthony

Life is like a circle, what goes around comes around,

And what goes up will eventually come down;

What happens in the dark will come out in the light,

And in life I can’t back down, so I choose to fight;

Can’t take a loss in life, especially not now,

So I follow Martin Luther King, and pick up the crown;

Life is a question, nothing more nothing less,

While the teens get shot, police have vests;

You don’t feel safe when you rest,

So I fight “By any means necessary,” like Malcolm X;

I see myself as a man, so I do what a man would do,

In life every strong man needs a strong woman,

I quote Maya Angelou;

Life is not promised, you are given it as a gift,

So you have to live every second without a second missed;

I see it as a surprise, what will happen next,

I see the rich get richer, and the poor receive 90 dollar checks;

Life is moving fast and it makes me wonder,

Why the flashy ones like lightning, but the quiet ones bring thunder?

Muslim, Christian, or Atheist, we all know it’s heaven sent,

That we waited 100 plus years and finally a black president;

Life is calm ‘til you shake it up like a Pepsi bottle,

And now I can see the light with my father as my role model;

Yeah I been though struggle so the next man’s life I can’t knock it,

The world must be spinning too fast when the preacher’s selling

Hope for profit;

Now when I set a goal I accomplish and even try to top it;

And pops showed me ways to make life sweet like a box of chocolates.

**Analysis of “Life”**

*by Anthony*

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| What is the poem about?  |  |
| What is the mood of the poem?  |  |
| Does the poet use metaphors or similes? Both?  |  |
| Give **one** example of a metaphor or simile that the poet uses in the poem:  |  |
| What does this metaphor or simile **mean?**  |  |

**Now:** Write your paragraph analysis!

* State the title of the poem and the author’s name
* Explain what you think the meaning of the poem is
* State the mood of the poem
* Explain what poetic devices the author uses and give at least one example of each device and explain its meaning

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**Directions:** On your own read the following poem and then use the table to analyze the poem and complete a paragraph analysis.

**Caged Bird**

*by Adrian*

A free bird just goes about life taking life for granted,

While the caged bird wishes it can be free like the free bird,

And never take freedom for granted.

Sometimes I feel like a caged bird,

Because I have been in the same spot for so long,

Seeing the same people,

Same places,

Hearing the same voices.

Sometimes I even come down on myself asking,

How did I get here?

What can I do?

What am I doing?

Can I do it better?

I just want to be free,

Like the free bird,

And never take life for granted,

If I am not physically free, all I want is just to be free of mind.

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**NOW…it’s time to write your OWN poem!**

**Directions:** Write your own poem using metaphors and similes. The theme for today is **LIFE**.

* Your poem must be at least 8 lines long
* Your poem must include at least 4 metaphors and/or similes

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