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Symbolism Poem

Directions: You and your partner will write an original eight-line closed couplet. Using Robert Frost’s poem as a reference, choose one of the symbols found in The Outsiders as the subject of your poem. Use the back of this sheet to brainstorm ideas.

**Requirements:**

1. Your poem must be a closed couplet. A closed couplet is two lines of rhymed verse in which the meaning is made complete by the end of the second rhyme.

2. Your rhyme scheme must be: aabbccdd

3. Your subject must be a symbol from The Outsiders. An example will be shown in class.

4. For the final copy, each partner must:

---handwrite four lines of the poem on the paper provided

---include two illustrations (printed or drawn) for the poem

---turn in a 4-5 sentence paragraph explaining each illustration (two paragraphs in all)

---be prepared to share the poem in class

**Grading:**

Your grade for this assignment will be based on:

* your four lines of the poem (mechanics and following directions)
* your illustrations (appropriate and on time)
* your explanation paragraphs for each illustration (mechanics and explanation)
* your contribution to the final product

**“Nothing Gold Can Stay”**

**Robert Frost (1923)**

**Nature's first green is gold  
Her hardest hue to hold.  
Her early leaf's a flower;  
But only so an hour.  
Then leaf subsides to leaf.  
So Eden sank to grief,  
So dawn goes down to day.  
Nothing gold can stay.**

**Title of Poem:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(repeat for last line)**

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**(last word in line 2 must rhyme with the last word in line 1)**

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**(last word in line 4 must rhyme with the last word in line 3)**

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**(last word in line 6 must rhyme with the last word in line 5)**

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**(last word in line 8 must rhyme with the last word in line 7 – must repeat the title of the poem)**