**Poetry/Prose Toolkit**

-- or --

devices used to create inventive, interesting, effective poetry and prose

**Diction**

nouns used? general or specific?

verbs used? what kind?

adjectives? out of place?

words used as a different grammatical unit than usual?

short words? long? slang?

What are the most important, seminal words in the piece?

Connotations? Denotations?

**Syntax**

short simple sentences?

long, complex sentences?

combination?

declarations? Exclamations? Questions?

**Organization of sentences, paragraphs**

patterns, series, repetitions, juxtaposition?

general to specific?

specific to general?

point of view?

**Sound Sensory Imagery**

alliteration sight?

assonance sound?

consonance taste?

onomatopoeia touch?

rhyme smell?

rhythm

**Rhetorical devices Figures of Speech**

motifs? paradox

repetition? under or overstatement

allusion? irony

juxtaposition? allusion

symbolism

**Details**  simile

abstract words or concrete words? metaphor

specific detail? personification

unexpected detail?

juxtaposition of details?

**Examples**

anecdotal? emotional? rational?

academic? scientific? how old?

personal? religious?