**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?