**How to analyze poetry using TPCASTT:** Follow these steps in order.   
**T (title)**

* Analyze the title first.
* What do you predict this poem will be about?
* Write down your predictions.
* We will reflect on the title again after we’ve read the poem.

*NOW PAUSE. Read the poem.*

**P (paraphrase)**

* Re-write the poem ***line by line*** in your own words.

**C** (**connotation** is defined as an idea or feeling that a word invokes in addition to its literal or primary meaning)

* Identify poetic devices: alliteration, assonance, consonance, diction, similes, metaphors, personification, imagery, meter, allusions, hyperbole, onomatopoeia, rhyme scheme, and symbolism.
* These elements add meaning.

**A (author’s attitude = tone)**

**S (Shift)**

* Look for change in time, tone, and speaker, as this will affect the meaning.

**T (title again)**

* Reconsider the title again.
* Were your predictions correct?
* What other meanings might your analysis have in light of your analysis?

**T (theme)**

* What is the poet trying to say about life?