Analytical Essay First Draft Rubric

First, read the thesis and the topic sentence to check ideas.

Ideas:

Is there a clear thesis statement at the beginning of the essay?

Does the thesis mention the poem?

Does the thesis relate the poem to the problem or solution or both?

Is it clear how each topic sentence is related to the thesis?

Next, read the whole essay to check organization and development.

Organization:

Do any paragraphs go off topic? Which ones?

Are any paragraphs too short or too long? Paragraphs should be about 1/2 page long.

Are there transitions between paragraphs and parts of the essay?

Development:

Are specific lines in quotation marks used as examples?

Are quotations introduced?

Are any parts of quotations not necessary for the discussion of the quotation?

Do all quotations have an explanation for why they are important for the topic of the paragraph? If not, which quotations need an explanation?