

Syntax Song Lyric Activity

NAME: _____ Date: _____ Period: _____

Analyzing the Syntax

Poem: _____ Poet: _____

Directions: After analyzing the syntax used in the song lyrics, look closely at the structure of the lines in the poem. Then answer the following question.

1. What do you notice about the syntax of the lines in the poem? Are the words in a logical order or are they arranged differently?

2. Why do you think the poet arranged the words this way? _____

3. What effect does the arrangement have on the overall meaning of the poem? _____

4. What effect does the arrangement have on the tone of the poem? _____

5. Did any words stand out? If so, which ones? _____

6. Why did these particular words stand out? _____

7. Do any of the words have negative or positive connotations? Which ones? _____

8. What happens to the tone when you mix up the words or lines? Is a different mood created? _____

9. What happens to the meaning of the poem? Explain. _____

EXTENDED ACTIVITY: Writing Poetry

★ Create a new poem using the words from the poem. Then explain how the meaning and tone have changed from the original work. Did you experiment with the order the words, trying a new way to structure the lines? Describe any difficulties you had creating a new song from the words.