Location B

Poetry "Tag" or Chain

TASK: You will create a chain of poems that connect to each other. The purpose is to examine poems and identify similar themes, topics, images, formats, poetic devices, etc.

The link may be a connecting:

- image,
- topic,
- theme,
- form, or
- poetic device, such as similar metaphors, similes, sound devices, personification, etc.

The connections may change within the "tag."

For example, the first two poems are connected by the topic, but then it changes to connect with a simile and then back to the topic.

Poem A may be about how *stressful it is to shoot a game-winning free-throw* in basketball (topic)

Poem B connects because it is also about the pressure of sports (topic)

Poem C connects to B because it uses the *simile of a weight pressing* down on the athletes (figurative language)

Poem D connects to C because it discusses the *weight of a heavy heart* after a lover breaks up his girlfriend. (topic)

Poem E connects to D because it includes the image of a heart weighed down by sorrow and pain. (image)

- You must use at least 10 poems to create your chain.
- Select from the poems at the table.
- Complete the poetry "tag" organizer.
- Each "tag" is worth: 20 points.
- If you finish early: Create another poem. Challenge yourself!