

## MEMORY POEM REVISION

Directions: Following the instructions below, write directly on the author's first draft your suggestions and comments. At the top of the author's poem, write the words, *revised by* and your name.

1. Does the poem have an original title? If not, then suggest a title or a way to make the title more powerful.
2. Does the poem use line breaks effectively to express breaks between small units of thought? Is the poem written in the format of a poem rather than a paragraph? Suggest two places where line breaks could be inserted.
3. Does the poem have stanzas? If not, are there places where larger units of thought in the poem should be broken up? Suggest places where stanzas could be inserted, if appropriate.
4. Underline at least two uses of vivid, expressive language. Circle two words that could be replaced with more original, vivid language. (Make sure to suggest the words that could replace them.)
5. Does the poem intensify experience by making the language work hard? Are there a lot of unnecessary words? Cross out at least three unnecessary words from the poem (e.g., and, then, the, so).
6. Place a star next to two wordy phrases. Then suggest how the author might rewrite them in a more concise way.
7. Place a box around the part of the poem that relates a memory about a family or community tradition or ritual. If the tradition is unclear, suggest how the poet might be able to make it more clear.
8. Put a check next to the central image that is important to the tradition. If there is not central image, or if the image is not effective, suggest an image that the poet might use.
9. Are there other poetry devices that would improve this poem? List them and where in the poem they could be incorporated.
10. On the author's first draft, be sure they have included the use of all of the poetry tools below. If there are any missing, write the author a note that asks him/her to include them and suggests where the tool could be inserted and how.

Introduction	Adjectives
Flashback	Adverbs
Message/theme	Tone
Layout	Metaphor/simile
Show Not Tell	voice
Description of Setting	