English 9A
Poetry
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Read “The Gift” by Li-Young Lee on p. 469 in the textbook. Read it several times. Paraphrase it if you have trouble understanding it (not required, but it *will help*!). Then write a paragraph-length response to each of the three questions below (use the back if you need more space to write).

1. Describe the images you can see/hear/smell/taste/touch in the poem. Try to identify at least 2-3 images. Talk about what makes them particularly vivid.

2. Describe the figures of speech you can find in the poem. Try to identify at least 2-3 uses of simile, metaphor, personification, etc. Talk about why the poem is more effective because of them.

3. Describe the sounds you hear in the poem. This is *free verse*, so the sounds will be less obvious than in a more structured poem. Nevertheless, they are there. Identify any repetition, rhyme (of any kind), assonance, or alliteration that you can hear.