

**William and Mary Preassessment  
Scoring Rubric: Literature Preassessment  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade—Beyond Words**

1. What is the main idea of this poem? Tell what you think in one or two sentences.

2. What does this sentence mean: "The fog comes on little cat feet"?

Score	Description of Response
0	No response or a response inappropriate for the task
2	Response is limited, vague, inaccurate, or confusing; only quotes from poem
4	Response makes simplistic, literal statement and demonstrates limited understanding of metaphor
6	<i>Meets Expectations:</i> Response demonstrates understanding of the central metaphor, including references to its topic, vehicle, and ground.
8	<i>Exceeds Expectations:</i> Insightful response demonstrates understanding of the central metaphor and offers fluent, substantial support.

SCORE:

Score	Description of Response
0	No response or a response inappropriate for the task
2	Response is limited, vague, inaccurate, or confusing; only rewords the lines
4	Response offers accurate but literal response or limited interpretation; recognizes ground of comparison but does not explicitly explain.
6	<i>Meets Expectations:</i> Response demonstrates understanding of the metaphor, including references to its topic, vehicle, and ground.
8	<i>Exceeds Expectations:</i> Insightful response demonstrates understanding of the metaphor and offers substantial support.

SCORE:

3. What main thing is the poem about? Does reading the poem make you think about that thing in a new way?  
Explain

Score	Description of Response
0	No response or a response inappropriate for the task, or incorrect response
2	Response is limited, vague, inaccurate, or confusing; or incorrect response to 3a, but a connection to the topic made in 3b
4	Correct response given to 3a with literal, limited explanation in 3b.
6	<i>Meets Expectations:</i> Correct response given to 3a; explanation in 3b demonstrates recognition of the poem's metaphor, including reference to its vehicle and ground.
8	<i>Exceeds Expectations:</i> Insightful response demonstrates recognition of the poem's metaphor and offers substantial support.

SCORE:

4. Write a new title for the poem. Tell why your new title would be a good one.

Score	Description of Response
0	No response or a response inappropriate for the task
2	Response is limited, vague, inaccurate, or confusing; gives only title with no supporting reasons
4	Appropriate but literal response with an attempt to support.
6	<i>Meets Expectations:</i> Meaningful title with appropriate support; addresses the topic, vehicle, and ground of the metaphor.
8	<i>Exceeds Expectations:</i> Insightful title with substantial support.

SCORE:

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_ / 32