Pantoum Poem Assignment/Rubric

You will choose a topic or big idea and write a pantoum poem that expresses a theme about that topic—in other words, from your poem, people will be able to identify a message you have about that topic. Repetition is a poetic element that is necessarily in this format. You will include one additional poetic element.

**Steps**

1. Choose a topic or big idea
2. Complete the pantoum graphic organizer as a first draft
3. Make sure you have a theme in your poem (What is your message about the topic?)
4. Type or neatly write your final copy on unlined paper
5. Include an illustration with your poem

**Rubric**

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| **Criteria**  | **Points** |
| The poem is at least four stanzas | 5pts |
| The poem has a title that reflects the topic or theme | 5 pts |
| The poem follows the pantoum format | 10 pts |
| There is an illustration that depicts your topic or theme | 5 pts |
| The poem is neatly typed or written. If typed, it is between 12-14 pts. If written, it is in blue or black ink. On unlined paper. | 5 pts |
| First draft—pantoum graphic organizer is complete | 5 pts |
| Additional poetic element is included (highlight the additional element) | 5 pts |
| **Total** | **40 pts** |

**Possible Topics**

These are just suggestions and you are not limited to them.

Basketball Your Heritage A Particular Sport

Shopping Nature A Special Place

Double-Dutch A Particular Season Faith

Parents A Type of Weather A Special Person