

Use this checklist to help you revise and edit your poem. Once you have gone through the checklist, find a peer to check your work.

My Initials	Peer Initials	
		Self Expression: Underline two places in your poem where you tell the reader something about yourself.
		Self Expression: Underline two examples of feelings in your poem.
		Figurative Language: Circle and label all of the examples of figurative language in your poem.
		Vocabulary: Find at least two words in your poem that you could make more precise or specific. Cross them out and replace them with a more specific word.
		Grammar: Read each line of your poem out loud. Does it sound correct? If it doesn't, but you're not sure what to do, circle it and ask a peer.
		Spelling: Circle any words you think may be spelled incorrectly. Use the dictionary to check for correct spelling. Then, you can check with a peer to make sure you have chosen the correct spelling.
		Punctuation: Poems don't always follow normal punctuation rules, but there is still a need for punctuation. If you have a complete sentence in your poem, make sure it ends with a period. If you are listing nouns, verbs, or adjectives in your poem, you need to place commas where they are needed. You can also choose to add exclamation points for emphasis or quotation marks if there is dialogue.
		Capitalization: Poems don't always follow capitalization rules, but there are still some capitals needed. If you have written a complete sentence in your poem, make sure it starts with a capital. If you are using an onomatopoeia, or want a word in your poem to be read loudly or with force, capitalize all of the letters in the word. Underline all of your capitals.

Once you have completed this checklist, you may write the final draft of your poem. Then, it will be time to:

- ☐ Find or create your rhythm music track
- ☐ Practice reading your poem with the rhythm or music track
- ☐ Record yourself reading the poem with your rhythm or music track