**Directions**:

After a close read of “O Captain, My Captain”, respond to the following text-dependent questions.

1. Underline all examples of REPETITION that occur throughout the poem. Choose TWO examples of repetition and explain why Whitman chose to emphasize those specific lines/words. What points are being emphasized?

#1:

#2

2. For each stanza, summarize in one or two sentences the event or feeling that is taking place.

Stanza #1:

Stanza#2:

Stanza #3:

3. Describe what Whitman is saying in the second stanza and describe what IRONY occurs here in the poem. Use one or two lines from the poem to support your response.

4. Analyze the impact of specific word choices by Whitman, such as “rack” and “grim” and determine how they contribute to the overall TONE of the poem.

5. Explain the EXTENDED METAPHOR surrounding the words/phrases: captain, ship, storm, arrival of ship at port, prize, and “On the deck my Captain lies, fallen cold and dead.”