Ms. Gondringer
English 8

Name: _____ Hr. _____

John Haines "Wolves" Poem

Wolves

Last night I heard wolves howling,
their voices coming from afar
over the wind-polished ice--so much
brave solitude in that sound.

They are death's snowbound sailors;
they know only a continual
drifting between moonlit islands,
their tongues licking the stars.

But they sing as good seamen should,
and tomorrow the sun will find them,
yawning and blinking
the snow from their eyelashes.

Their voices rang through the frozen
water of my human sleep,
blown by the night wind
with the moon for an icy sail.

Comprehension Questions/Activities

1. Define imagery

2. Notate instances of imagery
    a. Underline visual imagery (13 instances)
    b. Lightly highlight sound imagery (6 instances)
    c. Circle other forms of imagery (5 instances)
3. What is the setting of the poem? (As described in the poem.)

4. Based on what you know about the setting, where do you think this poem takes place? What area of North America?

5. Define metaphor

6. Locate a metaphor: write it down here

7. Define simile

8. Locate a simile: write it down here

9. Briefly tell the story that is going on in this poem.

In the style of…
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Poem #1:	Poem #2:
~3 Stanzas ~ABAB CDCD EFEF Rhyme Scheme ~About nature ~Every line must use imagery	~Free Verse ~8-20 lines ~About a subject of your choice ~Every line must use imagery