Thinking About Poetry Questions

Website #1:

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| Questions | Poet #1: | Poet #2: |
| What is the title of the poem you are reading? |  |  |
| What is the overall emotional feeling (mood) of this poem? What words or emphasis of words did the author use to cause you to believe this? |  |  |
| What does this poem make you think about? Does it relate to any experience you have ever had? Explain. |  |  |
| If the author read a poem aloud that you read to yourself, how did the meaning of the poem change for you having heard it as the author thought it should sound? |  |  |
| What surprised you about this poem? |  |  |
| What surprised you when you heard this poem aloud? |  |  |
| What two things do you like about this poem, or what two things do you dislike about this poem? Explain why you reacted this way. |  |  |
| Explain one unusual thing about the way this poem was written or read. |  |  |

Website #2:

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1. Write the name and author of two poems that you liked. What two things do these poems have in common?

2. Write the name and author of two poems that you did not like. What two things do these poems have in common?

3. Write the name of two poems to which you listened. How did the way in which the poet read the poem help to express its meaning? Give two specific examples.

4. Explain why listening was different from reading the poem. Give two examples.

5. Give **at least** two examples of things you can do when you read aloud that you cannot do when you read silently.