

Nina Simone Poem Rubric

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Content	Poem references Simone’s life and work with clear details	Poem references Simone’s life and work with vague details	Poem seems to reference Simone’s life and/or work, but the details are not specific to her and could be for any Civil Rights Activist.	No discernible reference to Simone’s life or work
Sensory Details	Vivid, detailed images and intensely felt emotion make the poem come alive.	Clear sensory images are used to portray ideas or emotions	Some use of image, idea, or emotion	Difficult to visualize image or emotion
Grammar			A couple of spelling or grammar mistakes may be evident, but do not diminish the meaning of the poem. Punctuation is utilized when necessary.	There are several spelling or grammar errors, making the poem difficult to understand. Punctuation is used incorrectly.
Other criteria				