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Rain, Two Ways

Directions: Read both excerpts carefully. Notice the differences in **tone**, **structure**, and **purpose** between the genres. Answer the reflection questions in full sentences, using **text evidence** when possible.

Excerpt A: Poem (Lyric Style)

*The rain taps softly at my window,
a steady rhythm that quiets the world.
Each drop carries a secret whisper,
a song of calm for restless hearts.*



Excerpt B: Newspaper Article (Informational Style)

"Yesterday's rainstorm brought nearly two inches of rainfall to the region, according to the National Weather Service. Streets flooded in some low-lying neighborhoods, though no serious damage was reported. Officials say the rain provided much-needed relief after several weeks of dry weather."

1. What are the most obvious differences between the **tone** of the two passages?

2. How does the **structure** of each passage affect the way you read it?

3. Why might an author choose to write about rain in a poem versus a news article?

4. Which passage left a stronger impression on you, and why?
