

Poetic Labels

Directions: Read the poem carefully. Think about the **title** and what it suggests before reading. After reading, reflect on how the title connects to the poem's deeper meaning or message. Write a short response (3-5 sentences) explaining the relationship between the title and the poem. Then, support your response with at least one direct line or detail from the poem.

Lantern in the Rain

The city streets are cloaked in gray,
Each droplet taps a mournful song.
Umbrellas bloom like fragile wings,
Protecting hurried souls that move along.

But there, a lantern glows so warm,
Its light defies the stormy skies.
A beacon small, yet fierce with hope,
It brightens every watchful eye.

Though shadows linger, spirits lift,
The lantern whispers, "You'll endure."
Even in rain, a flame can shine,
And make the weary heart feel sure.



Activity:

1. Before reading, what did you expect the poem to be about based on the title *Lantern in the Rain*?
2. After reading, explain in 3-5 sentences how the **title connects to the poem's meaning**.
3. Underline one line in the poem that best shows the connection between the title and its message.
4. Bonus: If you could give the poem a new title, what would it be, and why?