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PLAYING WITH HOLIDAY POETRY

#1- READ HOLIDAY POEMS BY OTHERS & SIMPLY ENJOY.

#2 -LOOK CLOSER AT ONE OR MORE HOLIDAY POEMS (TWO SAMPLE POEMS ARE INCLUDED WITH THIS HANDOUT) AND NOTICE WHAT THE AUTHOR DID IN THE POEM. DID THE AUTHOR USE ANY WORD PLAY OR POETIC TECHNIQUES OR DEVICES, SUCH AS . . .

***RHYME**

***ALLITERATION (REPEATING 1ST SOUND)**

***ONOMATOPOEIA (SOUND WORDS)**

***ASSONANCE (REPEATING VOWEL)**

***REPETITION**

***USE WORDS WITH MULTIPLE MEANINGS**

***A SURPRISE OR TWIST AT THE END**

ON A COPY OF THE POEM MAKE NOTES ABOUT YOUR OBSERVATIONS USING TRACK CHANGES IN A WORD DOCUMENT OR SIMPLY WRITE YOUR OBSERVATIONS WITH A COLORED PEN OR PENCIL ON THE COPY OF THE POEM.

#3 - NEXT, TRY “PLAYING” WITH YOUR OWN HOLIDAY POEM. GATHER WORDS AND PHRASES ABOUT YOUR TARGET HOLIDAY. POLISH SOME OF YOUR WORDS/PHRASES TO MAKE THEM SOUND MORE POETIC BY USING ALLITERATION, ONOMATOPOEIA, ETC. HAVE FUN!

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HOLIDAY HOOPLA

BY LYNN PLOURDE

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ROOTY-TOOT-TOOPLA

HOORAY-A-DAY

A HOLIDAY

A SPECIAL, SPLENDID, SPARKLE DAY

A PLEASE-DON'T-EVER-END DAY

SPEND IT IN A SPECIAL WAY

A BROUHAHA

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A HULLABALOO

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Comment [1]: USED ALLITERATION IN THIS LINE WITH THE TWO /H/'s

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Comment [2]: "ROOTY-TOOT" IS ONOMATOPOEIA/SOUND WORDS. I WANTED THIS TO SOUND LIKE A HORN BLARING TO ANNOUNCE A SPECIAL DAY, A HOLIDAY.

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Comment [3]: REPEATED THE "OO" VOWEL SOUND IN THIS LINE (REPEATING VOWEL SOUNDS IS CALLED ASSONANCE)

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Comment [4]: MADE UP WORD "TOOPLA" TO RHYME WITH "HOOPLA" IN LINE ABOVE

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Comment [5]: MORE ALLITERATION WITH THOSE BEGINNING /S/ SOUNDS

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Comment [6]: NOTE WORD "BROUHAHA"

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Comment [7]: MORE ONOMATOPOEIA TO SOUND LIKE HAPPY SINGING

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Comment [8]: NOTE WORD "HULLABALOO"—I USED A THESAURUS TO FIND SPECIAL CELEBRATION WORDS SUCH AS "HOOPLA," BROUHAHA" AND "HULLABALOO" TO CAPTURE THE SPECIALNESS/UNIQUENESS OF HOLIDAYS.

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Comment [9]: LOTS OF POEMS END WITH A TWIST OR SURPRISE. MY TWIST: AFTER ALL THE GRAND CELEBRATION OF THE POEM, IS "UH-OH" HURRY UP AND CELEBRATE OR YOU'LL MISS THE HOLIDAY AND HAVE TO WAIT A WHOLE YEAR TO CELEBRATE AGAIN—BUMMER!

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VALENTINE, BE MINE

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**VALENTINE,
BE MINE**

**STICK TO ME
LIKE A PORCUPINE**

**CLING TO ME
LIKE A GRAPEVINE**

**WALLOW IN ME
LIKE A MUDDY SWINE**

**CLASP TO ME
LIKE A CLOTHESLINE**

**BASK IN ME
LIKE THE SUNSHINE**

**VALENTINE,
I HATE TO WHINE**

**BUT BACK OFF
YOU MAKE ME FEEL . . .**

CONFINED!

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YOUR CHOSEN HOLIDAY:_____

YOUR POEM~WORD PLAY

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