Metaphor Poem Assignment

Decide on a metaphor for your family, one that has enough parts so that each member of your family can be part of your family metaphor.

Use well-chosen verbs, descriptive adjectives, and adverbs to explain why your family is this thing.

Write a metaphor for each family member that is part of the metaphor for your family, beginning with your mother and father and ending with you. After each family member metaphor, use well-chosen verbs, descriptive adjectives, and adverbs to explain why each family member is this part of your family metaphor.

Your metaphor poem must describe five family members. If your immediate family is larger than five, describe all family members in your immediate family. If your immediate family is smaller than five, describe a grandmother or grandfather, an aunt or an uncle, a cousin, or a pet to make your metaphor poem describe five family members, including yourself.

Fifth of July

My family is an expired firecracker

set off by the blowtorch of divorce.

We lay scattered in many directions.

My father is the wick, badly burnt

but still glowing softly.

My mother is the blackened paper fluttering down,

blowing this way and that, unsure where to land.

My sister is the fallen, colorful parachute,

lying in a tangled knot, unable to see

the beauty she holds.

My brother is the fresh, untouched powder that

was protected from the flame.

And I, I am the singed, outside papers, curled away

from everything, silently cursing

the blowtorch.

Metaphor Poem Template

My family is (Choose a metaphor for your family that has enough parts for each family member.)

Describe why using well-chosen verbs, descriptive adjectives, and adverbs.

My father is (Choose a part of the metaphor you chose for your family for your father.)

Describe why using well-chosen verbs, descriptive adjectives, and adverbs.

My mother is (Choose a part of the metaphor you chose for your family for your mother.)

Describe why using well-chosen verbs, descriptive adjectives, and adverbs.

My (Chose a part of the metaphor you chose for your family for this member.)

Describe why using well-chosen verbs, descriptive adjectives, and adverbs.

And I, I am (Choose a part of the metaphor you chose for your family for yourself.)

Describe why using well-chosen verbs, descriptive adjectives, and adverbs.

Rough Draft Due at the end of class today. Email to ewoods@stceciliaschool.org