**Poetry Interpretation:**

Carefully read the poem below and think about how the poet has used various poetic devices to create the mood and theme of this poem.

**Morning Awakening Duncan Mercredi**

silence greets the morning awakening

on a mist covered lake

still as glass

slipping to the edge listening

a loon rises from the mist

startling the calm deep of the water

the mist that blankets the lake rises slowly

water is cold as it envelopes my body

I shiver at its touch

quiet in its depth I rise suddenly

coyote jumps back startled

not afraid but wary

watching drinking body alert to danger

I dive into the silent depths

rising to a cacophony of sound

the lake begins to awaken

gentle waves slap slap the sand

gulls chatter and scream over washed up fish

a moose shakes the dew off its back

gliding majestically into the trees

ducks parade their young

watching nervously

wind begins to rise

as I slip away,

1) **Mood** - In paragraph form, write your interpretation of how you think Duncan Mercredi’s narrator feels about the experience of his early morning swim in the lake. Quote THREE images to support your interpretation. Identify any poetic devices that are used to create these images. (150 words)

2) **Theme** - In two to three sentences, articulate the theme of this poem. In other words, what does the poet want his readers to reflect about after reading this poem? Quote a few lines to support your interpretation.