Read pg. 576 - 577 in the yellow EOL book and define the following words.

Rhythm: _____________________________________________________________

Meter: ______________________________________________________________

Rhyme: ______________________________________________________________

Alliteration: ___________________________________________________________

Read the poem **Mother To Son** by Langston Hughes

Explain the figurative meaning of the following lines

“Life for me ain’t been no crystal stair. It’s had tacks in it, and splinters and boards torn up, And places with no carpet on the floor- bare.”

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Read the poem **The Ballad of Birmingham** by Dudley Randall

Why did Randall choose to write this poem in narrative form? Analyze how the poem’s narrative form contributes to its meaning.

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Is there a regular pattern of meter or rhythm to this poem? ______________________

Explain, how does the poem’s rhythm create a memorable experience for you as a reader?

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Read the poem Homesick Blues by Langston Hughes.

Describe the rhythm of the poem. Is it a slow or fast rhythm?

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Is the rhythm regular or irregular? ________________________________

Is there repetition used in the poem? ________________________________

Analyze the effects of this repetition.

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Compare and Contrast a fictional portrayal of a time, place, or character and a historical account of the same period as a means of understanding how authors use or alter history.

Read 16th Street Baptist Church Bombing. A link to this can be found on class website

Read pg. 819-820 Protest in Birmingham section in the Creating America textbook.

Read Ballad of Birmingham by Dudley Randall

Using what you read in all three sources, answer the following question using specific details and examples.

Compare and contrast how Dudley Randall used or altered history in his fictional portrayal in the Ballad of Birmingham.

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