Two-Tone Poem

What color are you? Have you ever thought about it? Well, now is your chance. Most of us are at least two-toned.

Psychologists tell us that certain colors trigger certain feelings or moods in many people. Some colors are “warm,” while other colors are “cool.” Some colors attract attention; other colors blend in with their surroundings. While writing this poem, you will discover which colors best reflect you.

Look at the following examples:

Part of me is brilliant yellow-

lively and vivacious,

bouncy and buoyant,

teasing my friends and enjoying the spotlight.

But deep inside there’s another part,

pale purple, like a violet hiding under a leaf-

shy and self-conscious,

fearful and cowardly, –

shaking with stage fright when the telephone rings.

Yet they’re both very real,

and they’re both me!

Some days I’m firecracker red-

full of energy and smart remarks,

like a wild bull, ready to attack the world!

Other days I’m a faded grey-

rumpled and crumpled and careless and useless,

soggy and sleepy and all worn out.

But watch out, folks,

‘cause today I’m red!

A two-tone poem describes the two sides of a person’s personality or character. It speaks of the way a person’s moods change from day to day. It should end with a closing statement.

Now it’s your turn!

- Use one of the above formats - or choose your own - to speak to your “two tones” (sides to your

personality or different moods).

- Do your best to include some figurative language (similes, metaphors, etc.) and strong adjectives.

- Try to make up an original name for your color – elephant grey, sunset pink, pickle green, etc. You

may even use polka dots, stripes, or plaids!

- You will need to hand-write your poem onto a blank sheet of paper that you will also need to

decorate. No clipart is allowed. Your design must be original, even if you do not consider yourself an

artist!

- Make sure your poem is error-free and polished because we will be hanging them on your lockers!

Let’s Do a Little Prewriting!

Jot down some emotions or different things you associate with each color:

Red:

Orange:

Yellow:

Green:

Blue:

Purple:

Pink:

Black:

Grey:

White:

Brown:

Gold:

Silver: