

Name: _____ Date: _____ Class: _____

“The Cremation of Sam McGee” Activity Sheet

Directions: Answer each of the following questions using the poem, “The Cremation of Sam McGee.” You may use your Poetry Terms notes.

I. Poetic Structures and Forms of Poetry

1. How many actual lines are in this poem? (Hint: Each new line starts with a capital letter.)

2. How many stanzas does this poem contain? _____

3. Describe two kinds of stanzas used in this poem. _____

4. True or false: This poem has a meter.

5. What types of rhyme does this poem contain? _____

6. What is the rhyme scheme of the first stanza in this poem? _____

7. What is the rhyme scheme of the second stanza in this poem? _____

8. What is the rhythm of the second stanza’s first line? (Hint: To find rhythm count the beats per line.) _____

9. What poetic device is used with the first and last stanza? _____

10. What **form** does this poem take? _____

11. This poem is narrative. What two things does this poem have that make it this type of poetry? _____

II. Literary Devices

12. Identify at least three Gothic images used in the first stanza. _____

13. In stanza one, line one the poet states “midnight sun”. What type of literary device is this phrase? _____

14. Find one example of personification used in this poem. Cite the stanza and line numbers.
