**Your task:**

**Read:** “Grammar Guideline” below.

**On looseleaf (to be passed in):** Write a fill-in-the-blank poem. In the poem above, phrases and words are underlined. Write your own poem, **changing the underlined portion to words of your own**. **You must keep the same structure and phrases as in the original poem!** For example, the line ***it is a moon (noun) wrapped (verb) in brown paper (prepositional phrase)***, should keep the same basic structure. It could be changed in this way (the gift is a car): ***It is a cheetah (noun) running (verb) after its prey (prepositional phrase)***. Final copies of the poems should be written in blue or black ink.

**Assignment Value:** /10 points – Writing and Representing

Grammar Guideline

**Preposition (*prep*.)** … any short word which starts a clause (a brief phrase), like:

 “in, at, of, to, which, that, for, by…”

**An article (*art.)*** … words often used before a noun, like: “a, an, the”

**Noun (*n*.)** … a person, place or thing

**Proper noun (*prop. n.)*** … a noun starting with a ***capital letter*** (names of

 people or places)

**Adjective (*adj*.)** … a word that describes a noun (ex. ***red*** car)

**Verb (*v*.)** … a word describing an action, usually. Verbs may be “active” (ran,

jumped) – or “passive” (describing a state of being, like “is, are, was, were”).

**Adverb** **(*adv*.)** … describes a verb, often ending in “ly”. (The dog ran quickly.)

**Personal pronouns (*pers. pron*.)** … references to people, like: “you, me, us, them, your, his, hers, my…”

**Valentine**

Carol Ann Duffy

*adj.*

*n.*

*adj.*

*n.*

Not a red rose or a satin heart.

*art.*

I give you an onion.

It is a moon wrapped in brown paper.

It promises light

like the careful undressing of love.

Here.

It will blind you with tears

like a lover.

It will make your reflection

a wobbling photo of grief.

I am trying to be truthful.

Not a cute card or a kissogram.

I give you an onion.

Its fierce kiss will stay on your lips,

possessive and faithful

as we are,

for as long as we are.

Take it.

Its platinum loops shrink to a wedding-ring,

if you like.

Lethal.

Its scent will cling to your fingers,

cling to your knife.