

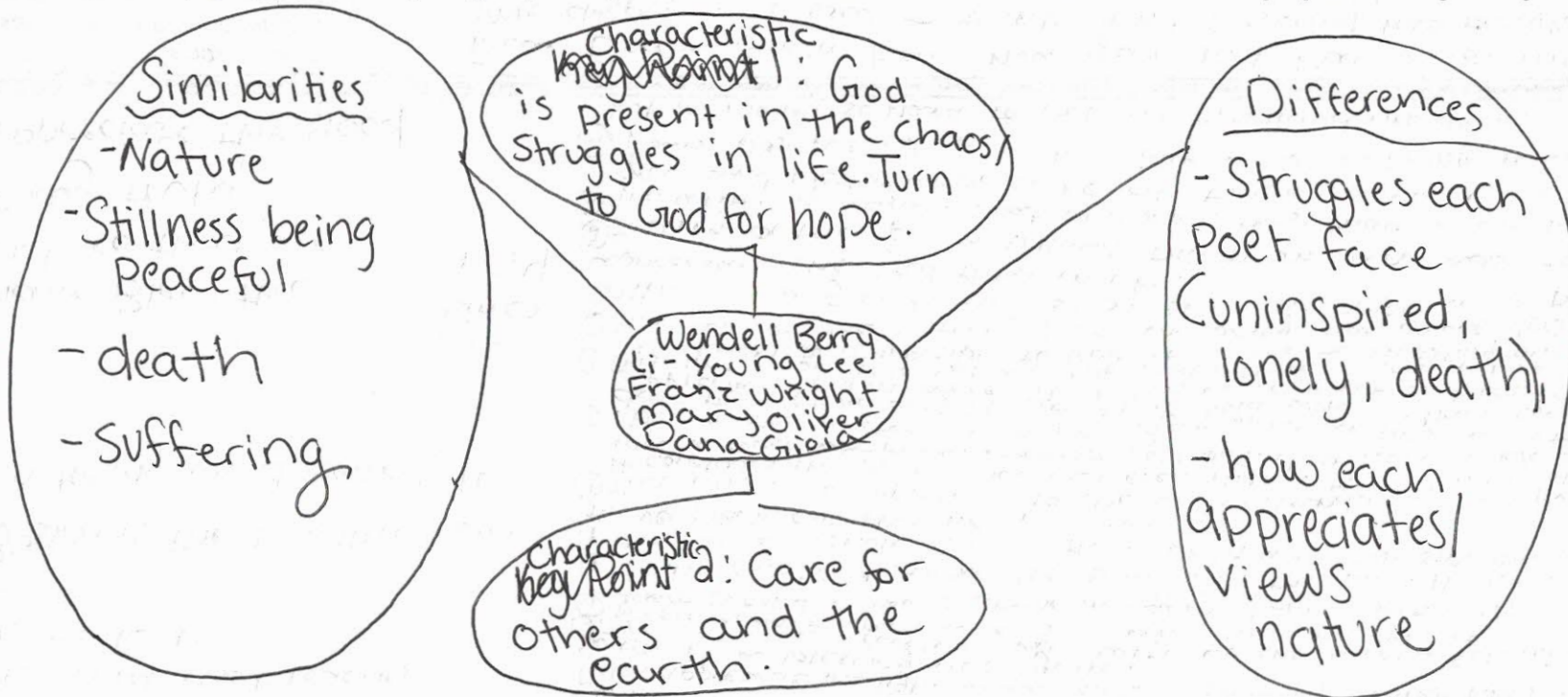
SECTION A: Individual HW

<p>KEY POINTS Theme/s, quotes, literary devices, Aha! moments</p>	<p>PAGE Or Line #</p>	<p>INSIGHTS / DEFINITIONS Answer these questions for each key point: 1. How would you describe or define this key point? 2. What role does this key point play in the text? 3. What do you think the writer is getting at? 4. What point puzzles or frustrates you? Why?</p>
<p>"Blessed are the night and darkness that blind us. Blessed is the cold that teaches us to feel"</p>	<p>Lines 5-6</p>	<p>① In this portion of the poem Dana Gioia is addressing specifically the Winter Solstice and what it brings about. In prehistoric times the winter solstice was filled with fear that the world would remain permanently dark and extremely cold. This line specifically addresses these fears and names them as "blessed". ② These lines state that the cold reminds people to feel while darkness helps appreciate the light. Dana Gioia is showing in these lines that the winter solstice is a blessing in disguise. ③ The writer is revealing that without the winter solstice's darkness + coldness people cannot appreciate the light and warmth that is a season of life. ④ I am puzzled on how someone in modern day can picture perfectly the fears of prehistoric time.</p>
<p>"Blessed is the love that in losing we discover"</p>	<p>Line 14</p>	<p>① Dana Gioia div ends his poem with this line. It sums up the poem as a whole stating that when we lose something we discover the very thing in this line it is love. ② This line is so important to the understanding of the poem as a whole. It concludes the poem to say that even though the winter solstice brings loss we that we of this is love light joy.. is discovered bc of this. ③ I believe the writer is saying that when we lose something very dear to us (loved one) it makes us hold who we have even closer and appreciate them more. That loss is in fact a blessing. ④ This line is so true but at the same time when a loved one is lost it is next to impossible to look at it as a blessing, this frustrates me.</p>
<p>Theme: Bless the bad so that we may truly appreciate the good</p>	<p>Lines 1-14</p>	<p>① That all of the suffering, pain, and worry that occurs during the Winter Solstice was a gift from God so that the people could truly celebrate/appreciate the good times in life. ② Each line of this poem follows this theme and adds to it. ③ The writer is saying that God puts these trials in our lives for us to grow and better appreciate all the good that he has brought to us. ④ I am from puzzled how this idea sounds so simple to and true but in reality so hard to put into practice during difficulties in life.</p>
<p>Dear _____, Here's how your text has made me think more deeply... I used to think _____, but now I think _____. Your text made me feel _____ because _____. It also made me want to _____. Finally, I just want to say _____.</p>	<p>Dear Dana Gioia, Here's how your text has made me think more deeply... I used to think that suffering had brought only pain into our lives and had no greater purpose, but now I understand that suffering in fact helps us to appreciate the joys in life more. Your text gave me hope for when life brings about trials because good will always come out of it. It also made me want to appreciate this very moment and gift of life more. Finally, I just want to say thank you for changing my perspective. -Indigo</p>	

SECTION B: Class Work—In Your Discussion Group:

- 1) Verbally discuss your Key Points and Insights. What similarities did you find? What differences?
- 2) As a group, determine your answers to the questions below.
- 3) Individually, on the back of your reading journal entry, fill out a graphic organizer for the content in the template below.

Organize / Concept Map / Illustrate your group's Key Points into at least two Main Characteristics and be prepared to argue why:



3) What stands out to your group as being the most significant concept of this reading assignment? And why?

As a group we decided the most significant concept was the low points in life is when our faith grows the most. Also that hardships are necessary in order to appreciate the good in life.