English 11 – Poetry Repetition Worksheet

Name: _____ Date : _____ Per.: _____

Directions: Like music, poetry depends on repetition. Rhyme, assonance, consonance and alliteration describe repetition in lines of poetry. Please write each definition. After each definition please provide a general example and an example from "The Raven."

■ Rhyme

Definition: the repetition of a similar or identical sound at the end of words.

General Example:

When I came up to bat,
the wind blew off my hat,
I missed the ball completely,
so I went to the bench and sat.

Example from "The Raven":

"Ah, distinctly I remember it was in the bleak December;
and each separate dying ember wrought it ghost upon the floor.

■ Assonance

Definition: the repetition of vowel sounds within words. The vowels are a, e, i, o, u, and sometimes y.

General Example:

Because of his fleet feet and a quick sweep, the Greek easily won the martial arts meet.

Example from "The Raven":

"Once upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered, weak and weary"