**Grade 8 ELA An Eye on the Natural and Technological Environment**

**The Elders Are Watching**

**(Poem by David Bouchard/Crossroads pg 244)**

1. a. This poem has a clear **message and theme.** Explain the message the author is sharing with the reader.

b. Identify who “they” and “ you” are in this poem.

2. The poet creates several vivid images of the natural environment

a. Copy **three examples** **of images** the poet has created in this poem.

b. Which of the above images appeals to you the most? Explain.

3. This poem begins with a strong **tone or attitude** which seems quite serious however it changes to a more friendly attitude by the conclusion.

a. Find one example line which demonstrates each tone:

serious/concerned :

friendly/hopeful :

b. Explain the poet’s purpose for this change in tone or attitude? Is it effective?

4. Make an **inference** about how the author feels about the effects of technology on the natural environment.

5. This is clearly a poem with **Poetic Qualilties** .

Describe three poetic features used in constructing this poem.