**Name: Period:**

**Directions:**

**Complete each step carefully, making sure to read the direction for each as you go. Answer each question and initial in the space after you finish each step.**

1. **Read the following title: “The Balloon of the Mind” \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
   1. **What do you think it means? Do any images come to mind?**

**b. Speculate: What do you think the poem will be about?**

1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Read the poem (1st time):**

“The Balloon of the Mind”by William Butler Yeats

Hands, do what you’re bid;

Bring the balloon of the mind

That bellies and drags in the wind

Into its narrow shed.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_ Read the poem a 2nd time, underlining any words that you don’t recognize or understand. Look them up and write definitions below:** (hint: make sure you check all of the definitions to make sure you have the one that makes sense).

**\_\_\_\_\_\_ Read the poem a 3rd time. This time, use what you learned from the definitions and try to figure out what the poem is about.** (hint: go line by line,

but don’t forget about punctuation.).

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**IV. Visualize:**

**Create a mini visual representation (sketch, picture, etc.) of some of the images in this poem or of what you think it might mean. Draw on a piece of scrap paper or list out some images below.**

1. **Meaning**
   1. **What is the “surface meaning” of this poem? (Explain what it means)**

**b. On a deeper level, what do you think this poem is about? Why?**

1. **Freewrite about the meaning of this poem. Make at least 2 connections (text-to-self, text-to-text, or text-to-world)**