

Name _____ Period: _____

Mini-LoW DIRECTIONS: Your job is to read and annotate -- show evidence of a close reading! The best way is to look for the writer's "moves." **Highlight as you wish and provide side or inner text comments;** show what you're thinking as you do so. **Then, you will write an analysis and a reflection paragraph below.**

The Rose that Grew from Concrete

By **Tupac Shakur**

Did you hear about the rose that grew
from a crack in the concrete?
Proving nature's law is wrong it
learned to walk without having feet.
Funny it seems, but by keeping its dreams,
it learned to breathe fresh air.
Long live the rose that grew from concrete
when no one else ever cared.

Analysis & Reflection:

Write one paragraph for each below.

- 1. Analyze: Note and discuss THREE moves the writer makes...consider tone, word choices, punctuation, figurative language (DIDLS), and structure.**
- 2. Reflection: What is the message of the poem and why is it still important/relevant today? Consider relating to real life events.**