

# Reading Skill

## READING POETRY

Both the author of “The Raven” and the author of “Incident in a Rose Garden” use sound devices, such as the following, to heighten the effects of their words.

- **alliteration** The repetition of consonant sounds at the beginnings of words. (weak and weary).
- **rhyme** Words rhyme when the sounds of their accented vowels and all succeeding sounds are identical. (borrow/sorrow).
- **rhythm** A pattern of stressed and unstressed syllables in a line of poetry. The rhythm can be rapid, slow, choppy, or musical.
- **repetition** A technique in which a sound, word, phrase, or line is repeated for emphasis.

**Directions:** In the chart, write the most striking examples of the sound devices used in these poems. For rhythm, write a line from each poem and describe the rhythm.

Sound Device	“The Raven”	“Incident in a Rose Garden”
1. alliteration		
2. rhyme		
3. rhythm		
4. repetition		