Close Reading: “The Forecast” by Dan Jaffe

DIRECTIONS: Read the following passage. While reading, underline, summarize, label, define, question and record inferences and other literary devices in the margins. Then, answer the questions on the reverse side completely.

Perhaps our age has driven us indoors.

We sprawl in the semi-darkness, dreaming sometimes

Of a vague world spinning in the wind.

But we have snapped our locks, pulled down our shades,

Taken all precautions. We shall not be disturbed.

If the earth shakes, it will be on a screen;

And if the prairie wind spills down our streets

And covers us with leaves, the weatherman will tell us.
1. Find and record a piece of text evidence that explains the TONE of the story. **Explain**. (RL7.1, 7.4, 7.6)

1. Find and record a piece of text evidence creates IMAGERY, or a picture in your mind. **Explain what you think it means**. (RL7.1, 7.4, 7.6, L7.5)

1. How does this poem connect to *The Giver*? You must respond in paragraph form and include support. (RL7.1, 7.2, 7.7)