**T P A T Poetry Analysis tool Name:**

**Nothing Gold Can Stay**

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*Her hardest hue to hold.*

*Her early leaf's a flower;*

*But only so an hour.*

*Then leaf subsides to leaf.*

*So Eden sank to grief,*

*So dawn goes down to day.*

*Nothing gold can stay.*

**-Robert Frost**

**T for title**

*\*Remember that the title gives you a clue about the main idea of the poem.\** Read the title, and predict what you think the poem is about.

Write your prediction:

**P for paraphrase**

*\*After reading the poem, explain the plot in your own words.\** It might be helpful to paraphrase each stanza or “chunk” first. For this poem, you will paraphrase each couplet.

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**A for attitude**

*\*Determine the SPEAKER'S attitude (tone) of the poem that contributes to the meaning.\**

What is the tone? Start with negative, positive, or neutral. Then get more specific!

**T for theme**

*\*What is the message the poet wants the reader to take away from the poem?\**

What is the lesson that is learned? Do you consider this an important lesson? Why?

How does this poem's message apply to the characters in the novel? How does this poem help to reinforce a theme in the novel?