**“Thanatopsis”**

**Annotate the poem for:**

* Portrayal of Death
* Portrayal of Nature
* Tone
* Shifts (in – Tone, Focus, Words that indicate a shift)
* Significant Word Choices
* Significant Lines & Phrases

*Always consider WHY the author made those choices and/or the EFFECT of that particular choice. (i.e. WHY does he choose that specific word? or WHY does he use that particular tone in that particular section? Or What is the EFFECT of that particular word on the reader?)*

**How does the poet want his readers to view DEATH? (especially consider Word Choice and Tone)**

Note: What is there to fear about death? How does he portray it in the negative?

Note: How does he attempt to provide comfort at the thought of Death?

**In what way does this poem illustrate the ideals/values of Romanticism?**

**The poem was originally published only as lines 17-72…How do these sections add to and/or change the meaning of the poem as a whole?**