**Memory Poem Assignment**

**Student Name:**

**Read as a class: Things Past on pg 197 of Sightlines**

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**Memory Poem**

**My First Memory (of Librarians)**

by Nikki Giovanni

This is my first memory:

A big room with heavy wooden tables that sat on

a creaky

wood floor

A line of green shades—bankers’ lights—down

the center

Heavy oak chairs that were too low or maybe I

was simply

too short

For me to sit in and read

So my first book was always big

In the foyer up four steps a semi-circle desk

presided

To the left side the card catalogue

On the right newspapers draped over what looked

like

a quilt rack

Magazines face out from the wall

The welcoming smile of my librarian

The anticipation in my heart

All those books—another world—just waiting

At my fingertips.

**Complete Memory Poem Planner:**

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| **Write about a childhood memory.**  **Picture the event. Write a paragraph.** | **Describe the light during the event. Use key words and/or phrases.** |
| **Describe the sounds you remember. Use key words and/or phrases.** | **Do you have any questions about the memory? Write the questions here.** |
| **What are your feelings about the**  **event? Use key words and/or phrases.** | **Write some of the most important**  **words from the other five rooms.** |