



Activity One Worksheet II

Student Name _____ Date _____

The following lines appear in Naomi Shahib Nye’s poem *Blood*. Read the poem in its entirety, and then answer the questions that follow about the metaphor contained in this line.

Today the headlines clot in my blood.

What is this metaphor referring to within the context of the poem?

How is this description different from saying simply that the headlines shock me?

How is this description different from saying that her blood runs like molasses?

Describe how and why this metaphor works.

What makes this an effective metaphor and why?
