

One Paycheck Away
Final Assessment Rubric

Name _____

Criteria	Possible Points	Points Earned
The author wrote creatively about the topic of homelessness.	0.....20 Not at all Completely	20
The author's writing displays empathy for homeless individuals and/or breaks stereotypes of homelessness.	0.....50 Not at all Completely	50
The author's writing contains few mechanical errors, such as spelling, capitalization or punctuation.	0.....10 Not at all Completely	10
The author's writing avoids the use of run-on sentences or sentence fragments.	0.....10 Not at all Completely	10
The author's writing is vivid, descriptive and imaginative.	0.....10 Not at all Completely	8
TOTAL	100	98

Homeless Feelings

I am sitting on a crowded street
Surrounded by people, clean and neat.

I sit in ragged attire
But riches are what I least desire.

I watch families gather
And that is what I envy,
But I am without, so I feel
Rather empty.

I am a person myself,
But most people pass by
They only think of oneself,
Selfishness is what they apply.

People don't understand how I feel
And that's what hurts the most
Homelessness is real
But no one approaches a ghost.

Yes, there are streets I roam
And my life is falling apart.
I may not have a home
But at least I have a heart.