

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	5
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	93%

Great job

Loose Change

I sit on the street waiting for loose change,
I see happy families go by.

Hiring signs are in windows but when I go in they always say,
"You don't have the proper clothing."

I need alcohol to make my loneliness and sadness go away
just for a couple of hours.

I walk by restaurants to see and smell fresh cooked food and
weirdly I find myself looking at families. Why??

I look at buildings wondering
If I can sleep at there tonight.

I find myself talking and playing with insects on the sidewalk.
Maybe I am insane?

I dig through the dumpster trying to find something to eat
so I don't feel hungry tonight.

I am depressed at night
when I have no one to talk to about my problems.

I am too ashamed if I go and ask people for loose change or food.
I go to the gym just to get a shower once a day.

I want alcohol 24/7
Just 1 hour of happiness.

I go to the library
Just so I can just get out of the cold and hot summers days.

No one provides encouragement to get a job or to better myself.

Searching for cigarette butts on the streets of Logan WV.

Constantly asking churches if I can sleep inside at night.