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Diamante Summary

Objective: Summarize the theme of transformation from “The Monsters are Due on Maple Street.”

Diamante Poem

A Diamante Poem follows a very specific format – there are seven lines, and each line must have a specific number and type of words. You will be using the format that requires the first and last words to be nouns that are antonyms of each other. When you're finished, the poem will be in the shape of a diamond. Look at the format and example below.

Line 1 = Topic (**noun**)

Line 2 = **Two** describing words (**adjectives**)

Line 3 = **Three** gerunds (action **verbs** ending in –ing)

Line 4 = **Four** words: Two words describing the topic (line 1) and two words describing the ending (line 7)

Line 5 = **Three** gerunds (action **verbs** ending in –ing)

Line 6 = **Two** words to describe ending noun (**adjectives**)

Line 7 = Ending **noun** (opposite of Line 1)

Here is an example of a diamante poem about a meteor shower:

Fireball	← Noun
Brilliant, beautiful	← 2 Adjectives
Flashing, shining, dashing	← 3 (gerunds) Verbs
Bright, wondrous, black, nothing	← 4 words
Staring, hoping, missing	← 3 (gerunds) Verbs
Deep, quiet	← 2 Adjectives
Darkness.	← Noun

Remember that theme is the message about life or human nature that is communicated in a literary work. One of the themes from the reading is transformation. Transformation means change.

Write a diamante poem communicating the theme of transformation from “**The Monsters are Due on Maple Street**”.

1. Consider the theme of transformation:

Who or what transformed?

What caused that transformation?

What events from the plot signaled a transformation?

2. Brainstorm a bank of words to use in your diamante.

Nouns	Adjectives	Gerunds (verbs ending in -ing)

3. Now use the template below to write the rough draft of your diamante.

 (noun 1)

_____ , _____
 (adjective) (adjective)

_____ , _____ , _____
 (-ing verb) (-ing verb) (-ing verb)

_____ , _____ , _____ , _____
 (word describing noun 1) (word describing noun 1) (word describing noun 2) (word describing noun 2)

_____ , _____ , _____
 (-ing verb) (-ing verb) (-ing verb)

_____ , _____
 (adjective) (adjective)

 (noun 2)

4. Type your diamante. Make sure you capitalize the beginning word of each line, separate words with commas, and end your poem with an appropriate punctuation mark. Use a large enough font and spacing to fill the page. (Optional)
5. You may add color or an illustration as appropriate as long as it does not detract from your work. (Optional)