IB Sharon Olds Poetry Analysis

15 points

For this short mini unit (which we will pick back up next semester) I want you to explore more poetry, specifically the poetry of Sharon Olds. I know that we have not gone into great detail about how to analyze poetry, but I want you to attempt a few more poem explorations (with a little guidance).

**Directions: After you read ALL the poems, pick 1 of the poems from the list and write 2 paragraphs according to the instructions for each paragraph.**

**Reminders:**

1. A paragraph is at LEAST 5 fully developed sentences.
2. You MUST use textual evidence
3. Be thorough!! Don’t give the bare-minimum. Push yourself to find meaning and to explain all your thoughts and interpretations thoroughly.

Sharon Olds poems to pick from:

* Rite of Passage
* 35/10
* The Day they Tied Me Up
* The Fear of Oneself
* The Enchantment
* The Cast

1. Identify and explain the function of 1 of the following elements of poetry
   * Simile
   * Metaphor
   * Allusion
   * Symbol
   * Personification
   * Imagery
2. Discuss 1 of the following elements of writing
   * Detail
   * Tone
   * Diction

**\*\*Please write out and cite all your quotes (simply a line number is sufficient)!**