***Diamante (dee ah MAHN tay) is a French word meaning diamond.***

 ***The following attributes must be included in the poem.***

**\_\_\_\_­­\_ / 1** **Shape: The poem is shaped like a diamond.** (1 point = yes / 0 points = no)

**\_\_\_\_\_ / 1** **Lines: There are 7 lines in the poem.** (1 point = yes / 0 points = no)

**\_\_\_\_\_ / 16** **Speech: 6 nouns, 4 adjectives, 6 verbs, appear in the correct order.** (Student receives one point for each word that is the correct part of speech
 & appears in the correct order.)

**Line 1: 1 noun**

**Line 2: 1 adjective, 1 adjective**

**Line 3: 1 verb, 1 verb, 1 verb**

**Line 4: 1 noun, 1 noun, 1 noun, 1 noun**

**Line 5: 1 verb, 1 verb, 1 verb**

**Line 6: 1 adjective, 1 adjective**

**Line 7: 1 noun**

**\_\_\_\_\_ / 2** **Contrast: There are 2 contrasting topics in the poem.** The poem
 compares the student’s culture to American culture.
 2 points = Yes there are two topics.
 0 points = no there aren’t two topics.

**\_\_\_\_\_ / 1** **Spelling: All words are spelled correctly.** (1 point = yes / 0 points = no)

**\_\_\_\_\_ / 3** **Topic: Each word or phrase relates to the topic.** 3 points = 15 – 16 words relate to the topic.
 2 points = 13 – 14 words relate to the topic.
 1 point = 12 - 11 words relate to the topic.

0 points = 10 words or less relate to the topic.

**\_\_\_\_\_ / 3 Linguistic Complexity – use specialized words, not common words**

*(Judges are looking for writers that use descriptive words versus common words.
 Example: “beautiful” is descriptive where as “pretty” is more common.)* ***Don’t worry*** *if your students’ writings aren’t using a lot of specialized words.
 They are competing against other ELL/bilingual students.*

 3 points = 13 – 16 words are specific, specialized vocabulary

 2 points = 9 – 12 words are specific, specialized vocabulary

 1 point = 8 – 11 words are specific, specialized vocabulary

0 points = 0 - 10 or less words are specific, specialized vocabulary

**\_\_\_\_\_ / 27 Total points**

***Be sure to download the Diamante Worksheet to help guide your students.***