Close Reading Objectives: Week Two in Poetry

Beyond standard annotation requirements, please complete the following:

"Wings" by Miroslav Holub and "Some Simple Measures in the American Idiom and the Variable Foot: Histology" by William Carlos Williams

"Wings"

1. Annotate diction used to establish tone. Define unfamiliar terms in the margins.
2. After examining the tone of the author/speaker, compose one tone statement below the poem.
3. Highlight the repetition. Compose a short statement in the margin analyzing the impact of the repetition on the tone.
4. Compose a sentence which analyzes the meaning of the last line of the poem.

"Some Simple Measures in the American Idiom and the Variable Foot: Histology" by William Carlos Williams

1. Highlight the author's use of paradox. In the margin, compose a sentence which paraphrases the meaning behind the paradox.
2. Compose a sentence offers your explanation of why the paradox "gives Man assurance."