***Student Name:***

***Today’s Objective:***

* ***SWBAT how paradoxes are presented through the author’s development of the text’s theme.***

***How You Will Be Graded Today:***

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| ***Standards*** | ***Excellent***  ***(25 pts)*** | ***Good***  ***(20pts)*** | ***Needs Improvement (15pts)*** | ***Poor (10pts)*** |
| ***Student remained on task.*** |  |  |  |  |
| ***Student answered all of the questions in a complete sentence.*** |  |  |  |  |
| ***Student provided thoughtful responses with textual evidence.*** |  |  |  |  |
| ***Student provided insightful and valid responses.*** |  |  |  |  |

*Directions: First, save the following document as ParadoxPoetry\_FirstName. Read the following poems and answer the questions. Make sure you save your document and submit it to my website: msalston252.weebly.com*

**Love's Secret by William Blake**

1 Never seek to tell thy love,  
Love that never told can be;  
For the gentle wind doth move  
Silently, invisibly.  
  
5 I told my love, I told my love,  
I told her all my heart,  
Trembling, cold, in ghastly fears.  
Ah! she did depart!  
  
9 Soon after she was gone from me,  
A traveler came by,  
Silently, invisibly:  
He took her with a sigh.

1. Based on the first stanza, why should we not express our love?
2. Why did his love depart?
3. What happens at the end of the poem?
4. What is the theme of the following poem?

**Touched by an Angel**

We, unaccustomed to courage  
exiles from delight  
live coiled in shells of loneliness  
until love leaves its high holy temple  
and comes into our sight  
to liberate us into life.  
  
Love arrives  
and in its train come ecstasies  
old memories of pleasure  
ancient histories of pain.  
Yet if we are bold,  
love strikes away the chains of fear  
from our souls.  
  
We are weaned from our timidity  
In the flush of love's light  
we dare be brave  
And suddenly we see  
that love costs all we are  
and will ever be.  
Yet it is only love  
which sets us free.

--Maya Angelou

1. Based on the first stanza, what does love liberate us from?
2. According to Mya Angelou, how are we as people or how are we accustomed to behaving?
3. Based on the second stanza, what does love bring?
4. Rewrite the last stanza in your own words. Break it down line by line.
5. What is the paradox/theme of this selection?