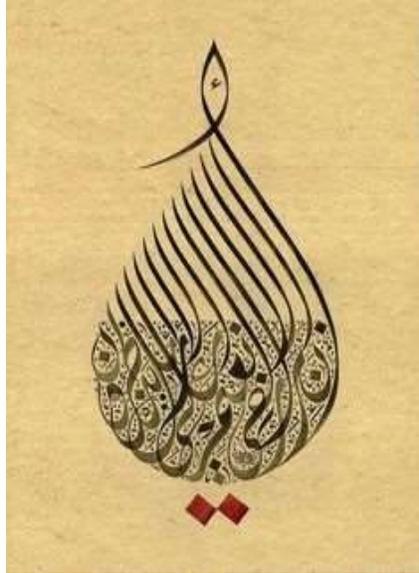


# Hanging Odes and Arabic Calligraphy: Investigating the Personal

Name:

Date:



Do Now: On your handout describe a place that is meaningful to you.

- An old playground
- A house you once lived
- A restaurant you visited with family

Describe it in as much detail as you can.

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Steps for choosing vivid vocabulary:


**Sections from Labid ibn Rabi'a's**

Hanging Ode- Mu'allaqa

**Part 1**

Dung-stained ground  
That tells the years passed  
Since human presence, months of  
peace,  
Gone by, and months of war,

Replenished by the rain stars  
Of spring, and struck  
By thunderclap downpour, or steady,  
Fine dropped, silken rains.

**Part 2**

I descended to the plain,  
Mare standing like a palm,  
Smooth, towering trunk  
Thwarting the date cutters.

I drove her on to the pace of an ostrich  
And faster,  
Until she grew hot  
And her bones softened.

**Part 3**

There are the protectors  
When the tribe is pressed,  
They are the riders,  
They are the rulers.

They are life-spring  
To dependents among them,  
To those without provider,  
When the year grows long,

**Your Version:**

**Part 1**- Return to a Place

\_\_\_\_\_ground  
That tells the years passed  
Since \_\_\_\_\_, months of \_\_\_\_\_,  
Gone by, and months \_\_\_\_\_,

Replenished by the \_\_\_\_\_,  
Of \_\_\_\_\_, and  
\_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

**Part 2**- Journey

I descended to \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ like \_\_\_\_\_,  
Smooth, \_\_\_\_\_  
Thwarting \_\_\_\_\_.

I drove her on to the pace of a  
\_\_\_\_\_  
And faster,  
Until \_\_\_\_\_  
And \_\_\_\_\_.

**Part 3** Praise

There are the \_\_\_\_\_  
When the tribe is \_\_\_\_\_,  
They are the \_\_\_\_\_,  
They are the \_\_\_\_\_.

They are \_\_\_\_\_  
To \_\_\_\_\_ among them,  
To those without \_\_\_\_\_,  
When the year grows long,

\* Choose one space to use your  
'Personal word and include your  
description of what it means  
here: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Steps for creating your Arabic Signature: