**Poetry: Review the following questions. Read the poem, annotating for imagery, repetition, parallelism, and tone. Go back and write a thoughtful response to each question.**

What reason does the speaker give for wanting the bird to stop eating her corn and millet?

What does this suggest about her feelings about her new home?

To whom is the poem addressed? What is emphasized about her state of mind based on who/what she confides in?

Identify examples of repetition or parallelism in the poem. What emotions are suggested by these lines? What is the effect of this repetition and/or parallelism?

**“O Oriole, Yellow Bird,” from *The Book of Songs***

O oriole, yellow bird,

Do not settle on the corn,

Do not peck at my millet.

The people of this land

Are not minded to nurture me

I must go back, go home

To my home land and kin.

O oriole, yellow bird,

Do not settle on the mulberries,

Do not peck at my sorghum.

With the people of this land

One can make no covenant.

I must go back, go home

To where my brothers are.

O oriole, yellow bird,

Do not settle on the oaks,

Do not peck my wine-millet.

With the people of this land

One can come to no understanding.

I must go back, go home

To where my own men are.