"My Old Newcastle" - David Adams Richards (306)

1. What do you think of the title? Does it create interest for the reader? If you did not like the title, create a new one. If you did like it, explain why.
2. What is the implied thesis in the essay?
3. Find an example of: allusion and imagery and explain what effect each has.
4. In the end of this piece, times have changed. What are two changes the town has noticed? How would life in Newcastle be affected?
5. What is the tone of this piece?
6. What type of sentence is “spring came with the smell of mud and grass burning in the fields above us”? Why did the author go through all of the 4 seasons? What effect does this have?

"The Cartography of Myself"- Al Purdy (319)

1. What is the thesis of this essay?
2. Find an example of: simile, metaphor, onomatopoeia. What effect does each have?
3. What is the tone of this piece?
4. What is the mood of this piece?
5. How is unity or coherence created in this essay?
6. Does this essay remind you of a favourite place in Canada or of a place that reflects who you are?