**William Bryant's Thanatopsis Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Hr \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Directions:** Respond to the questions below the line.
A. What is Bryant describing in lines 8-13?
B. Describe Bryant's feelings or attitude toward the subject he is writing about in lines 8-13?

C.  In lines 18-30, explain what Bryant is describing.
D.  In lines 37-57, circle words that describe nature and Bryant's vision of the American frontier. (1) What is his opinion of nature? (2) What is his opinion of the American countryside? (3) What is he discovering in terms of where to set up our "everlasting rest"?
E. In lines 58-72, find the main idea(s) of this section of the poem. Bryant draws some conclusions about the subject of his poem. What are his conclusions or thoughts?

F. In the last stanza (ll. 73-81), circle the words (adjective, verbs, nouns) that highlight Bryant's new perceptive on the subject/topic of his poem. Describe his new perspective.