Acquainted with the Night

I have been one acquainted with the night.
I have walked out in rain -- and back in rain.
I have out walked the furthest city light.

I have looked down the saddest city lane.
I have passed by the watchman on his beat
And dropped my eyes, unwilling to explain.

I have stood still and stopped the sound of feet
When far away an interrupted cry
Came over houses from another street,

But not to call me back or say good-bye;
And further still at an unearthly height,
A luminary clock against the sky

Proclaimed the time was neither wrong nor right.
I have been one acquainted with the night.

By Robert Frost

1. What is the mood of the poem? Provide SEVERAL specific words or phrases that create this mood. CIRCLE the words that create the **mood or tone**. Provide a note in the margin if needed.

2. What literary techniques does he use? FIRST CIRCLE and LABEL the example of **ALLITERATION** in the poem.

3. Next find the **METAPHOR** in the poem and CIRCLE and LABEL it.

4. Next find an example of **PERSONIFICATION** and CIRCLE and LABEL it.

5. Consider the **SETTING**. It is set at night and the author repeats the word night several times even including it in the title as well as in the first and final lines. Consider the **CONNOTATION** of night. What is the connotation of night? Why do you think the author chooses the night as the setting? SEE PAGE TWO of this assignment FOR TIPS AND REMINDERS
REMINDER: Connotation is an idea or feeling that a word invokes in addition to its literal or primary meaning. The emotions and associations connected to the word affect its connotation. However, denotation is just the literal / dictionary definition of a word.

For example, house and home mean the same thing (so they have the same denotation) but home has a more positive connotation. The words assertive and bossy also have the same basic denotation but assertive has a more positive association and connotation.

ALSO the word consequences means result or effect of an action or condition. There can be positive or negative consequences; however, the word normally is associated the negative impact of one’s poor choices.

Black cats are associated with bad luck; as a result, there is a negative connotation associated with them.