

Ode to the Modern Romantic Poet

Protest against the way our society values only linguistic and logical intelligence by becoming a modern Romantic poet. Here's how:

- Writing a poem of at least 14 lines in the same style as one of the Romantic poets
- Writing a prose explanation of why your poem makes you a modern Keats, Coleridge, or Wordsworth, etc.

Similarities in Form

In the next section in prose, explain how the poem you've written imitates the style of the Romantic poet you've chosen. In order to imitate the style of your poet, you must include 2 formal elements. One formal element would be one of the following.

- A poetic form
- 2 vocabulary words
- 1 allusion

Use two of these in your poem. Then, in the prose section, explain which formal elements you chose and show how those elements imitate your poet. You'll need to quote your poet and your own poem in order to do this.

Similarities in Context

Next, you will compare our time period and the types of knowledge it values to the neoclassical time period and the types of knowledge it valued. You don't have to cover *everything* we covered about the Neoclassics—just what applies to the topic you write about. Look at the Neoclassics vs Romantics chart for ideas.

Similarities in Theme

Next, explain how the theme of your poem reflects one of the themes of your chosen poet. To do this, write about how your Romantic poet responds to the Neoclassical Period and how you respond in a similar way to your own period. You will, again, need to quote both your poet and your own poem to do this.

Other

Be sure to cite your in-text citations according to MLA. You will need to include a works cited section citing all your sources according to MLA format. Also keep in mind that you will be reading your poem aloud to the class.