

6-week Review Paper with the movie *Dead Poets Society*:

During the past two classes, we watched the movie *Dead Poets Society*. As a six-week culminating assignment, you are going to write an essay based on the movie of about 300-400 words (which means about a page or two, typed, double-spaced, *normal-sized* font and margins). Here's your prompt:

How does Dead Poets Society reflect ideas presented in poetry class so far this semester?

In answering this question, **you must address at least two of the below topics specifically and at least two specific details, themes, or plot elements from the movie.** All items listed below are topics we have studied in class. The more specific you are with examples, and the more interestingly you compare our class work to ideas and events in the movie, the better you'll do. **Make sure to consider organization and writing style as well.** In other words, turn in work that you're proud of. Doing this assignment well is not easy, as it requires you to synthesize lots of different ideas into one unified argument. Think of this paper as a major assignment. Here is the list:

Note: Go to <http://sparespoetry2013.blogspot.com/> if you want to review any of these class events.

1. Thinking, feeling, believing knowing, acting. Does the e.e. cummings passage hit you differently now?
2. Workshopping your original work/sharing elements of your life.
3. Bad poetry examples
4. Daniel Beaty's poem "Knock, Knock"
5. "The Art of Drowning and "Flames" by Billy Collins (Youtube and audio versions)
6. Color Inventory
7. Taylor Mali's Poems "Totally Like Whatever You Know" and "How Falling in Love is Like Owning a Dog"
8. Sarah Kay's poem "Words for my Daughter" and "When Love Arrives" (with Phil Kaye)
9. DYT/DET
10. "Sweet like a Crow" by Michael Ondaatje
11. "The Art of Disappearing" by Naomi Shihab Nye
12. Poems we wrote: Inner Poet, Bad Poem, Color Poem, "Sweet Like a Crow" Grid Poem, "The Art of" Poem, Narrative Portrait Poem
13. Walt Whitman's poem "O Me! O Life!"

14. Anything else you remember that is relevant to this class.