

Safia Elhillo - From "Girls That Never Die"

Directions: Follow the steps provided below:

1. When the timer starts, read the following [poem](#) by Safia Elhillo with your group, paying close attention to its message, form, structure, syntax, style, etc.
 2. When your group feels like they have a decent understanding of the poem, compose an **original** poem that reflects or resembles both the poem's distinct style and message.
 3. Your group will be judged on the following criteria:
 - a. "Originality" of piece
 - b. How closely your poem mirrors the same sentiment, theme, or message as the original poem.
 - c. How closely your poem utilizes the same type(s) of literary techniques or elements as the original AND how effective/intentional the usage of those terms are.
- ★ Simply using similar literary elements/techniques without intent will **not** yield a higher score.
4. Be prepared to share your poem with the judges and answer their questions about the piece.
 5. When the timer starts, you will have THIRTY minutes to compose your piece. Please work in the space provided below.

POEM