Poetry Every Day

Objective: To read and engage with poetry every day in a bite-sized manner

How It Works:



DAILY POETRY BITES

A timer is required for this activity to ensure that this is a "gut reaction" activity! Some of these poems will come up again later for longer poetry lessons, during Poetry Feasts.

- 1. Display or print a copy of the daily poem.
- 2. Read the poem aloud while students follow along.
- 3. Students respond to the poem in their notebooks for only 3 minutes.
- 4. Students share their first impressions with a partner for only 2 minutes.
- 5. As a class, briefly discuss thoughts, questions, and epiphanies for only 5 minutes.

BI-MONTHLY POETRY FEASTS

Dedicate a class period (Mondays, on block schedule) for a Poetry Feast! During the fall, we will return to a poem we've sampled previously for a Poetry Bite and study it more closely by using Language Studies or TQE. Students will write a claim + paragraph for a PF at first, working up to complete essays to prepare for Q2.

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Fall Poems:
PB 1: "Hope"
PB 2: "Neglect"
PB 3: "The Good Life"
       PF 1: "Neglect" (claim)
PB 4: "Grading Rubric"
PB 5: "I Am Offering This Poem"
PB 6: "An August Afternoon"
PB 7: "Digging"
PB 8: "A Noiseless Patient Spider"
PB 9: "On Listening to Your Teacher Take Attendance"
PB 10: "My Son the Man"
       PF 2: "A Noiseless Patient Spider" (claim + outline)
PB 11: "Bad Day"
PB 12: "Backdrop addresses cowboy"
PB 13: "The Bagel"
PB 14: "Question"
PB 15: "September Midnight"
       PF 3: "Digging" (claim + paragraph)
PB 16: "Sonnet (Monsters in their...)"
PB 17: "The Hand"
PB 18: "Empty Space"
PB 19: "Group Home..."
PB 20: "Ode to Dirt"
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PB 21: "Enemies"
PB 22: "The Gossips"
PB 23: "Awash"
PB 24: "Much Madness is Divinest Sense"
PB 25: "Virgin Mule"
PB 26: "Letter Composed During a Lull in the Fighting"
       PF 4: "Sonnet (Monsters in their...)" (essay)
PB 27: "Mountain Dew Commercial..."
PB 28: "Tender"
PB 29: "Sonnet"
PB 30: "Daystar"
PB 31: "The Hospital Window"
       PF 5: "Sonnet 73" (essay)
PB 32: "Gossip"
PB 33: "The Word That Is A Prayer"
PB 34: "Remaking a Neglected Orchard"
PB 35: "Telephone of the Wind"
PB 36: "Hunter's Moon"
       PF 6: "The Hospital Window" (essay)
PB 37: "Secret Life"
PB 38: "Solitude"
PB 39: "The Sun Used to Shine"
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