

8th Grade Poetry Project April 2016

Due: Tuesday April 26, 2016

1. Select five favorite poems using the books provided in class or your own selections.
 - ❑ Write a complete paragraph explaining why you chose **each** poem. Topic sentence is key. Avoid saying "I chose because."
 - ❑ Provide copies of poems--include title, author and anthology or website where poem was found
2. Illustrate each poem with a symbol or artistic impression/expression of the poem.
3. Memorize and be able to recite one poem of at least 12 lines.
4. Write a formal, five-part essay which discusses the importance of poetry in our lives.

Use the formal standard essay format: Introductory paragraph with grabber and thesis statement (2 to 3 sentences); three body paragraphs, each with a topic sentence and at least two supporting details/evidence and comments on those details; concluding paragraph which restates the thesis (in different words) and completes and finishes thoughts in the essay. Leave your reader thinking or feeling something.

****You may reference the materials we used in class, what other poets have said, what you have written in your notebooks, what you found in the Favorite Poem project online. You may quote other sources/experts, if and only if, you properly attribute or source those quotes or ideas.**

Sample Thesis Statements (You can write your own.)

- Poetry is important in our lives because it gives voice to our hearts.
- Without poetry the human spirit has no song.
- Poetry gives us permission to feel and to express that feeling in a personal way.
- We make personal connections to our world through the music of poetry.

5. Create a cover and assemble all the pieces of this project ahead of time, ready on the due date.

Grading:

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| ❑ Poetry selections with paragraphs & illustrations -- 10 points each | 50 |
| points | |
| ❑ Recitation/presentation | 20 |
| points | |
| ❑ Poetry Essay | 30 points |
| ❑ Cover and assembly (Neat, original, creative?) Extra Credit | 10 |
| points* | |

Total: 110 points possible

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