

Poetry Research Project
Due Wednesday February 21, 2018

You are going to research a major well known poet. Below are the recommended poets.

Yusef Komunyakaa	Naomi Shahib Nye	E.E. Cummings
Claudia Rankine	Maya Angelou	Langston Hughes
Robert Pinsky	Paul Lawrence Dunbar	William Carlos Williams
Kay Ryan	Edgar Allen Poe	Emily Dickinson
Kevin Young	Gwendolyn Brooks	Edna St. Vincent Millay
Elizabeth Alexander	Robert Frost	Ralph Waldo Emerson
Seamus Heaney	Walt Whitman	

There will be 6 parts to your project.

Part I (1 slide)

Research the life of your poet, using at least two sources. Books and credible online sources (.org, .edu, on destiny quest or on One Access) are both acceptable. You will then write a summary biography of the poet, **in your own words.** Copying directly from your source is plagiarism and is considered a crime!

Part II (1 slide)

Choose and analyze a poem by this author (include a copy of the poem) by using TPCASTT. All portions of your analysis should be supported with text evidence from the poem. In your analysis you must explain:

- How the author uses sound devices in the poem.
- What imagery the author uses.
- What figurative language the author uses.
- What the Author's Purpose is.
- Explain the theme.
- Who the speaker is.

Part III (1 slide)

Choose and analyze a second poem by this author. Use the same format and requirements as Part II.

Part IV (1 slide)

Compare the two poems. Does the poet use similar techniques for building rhythm, imagery and figurative language into the poem? Are the themes similar? What is different about the poems?

Part V (1 slide)

Write an original poem in the style of this author. Demonstrate that you understand the poet's use of sound devices, imagery and figurative language. If the two poems you studied have a common theme, make sure the theme of your poem is related. The poem must be at least 8 lines.

Part VI (1 slide)

Bibliography (easybib.com)

Other Requirements:

All parts should be on separate slides.

The slides need to be labeled and organized for a clear and effective presentation.

Include a title slide with your name, your poets name and a visual. (You will have 7 slides minimum)

Mrs. Titus's class- Turn in your projects on Google Classroom.