

Original Poem Project

For your final assignment of the quarter, you will be writing your own poetry.

Here are the project instructions.

1. Complete the Original Poem Brainstorming Worksheet to help you brainstorm ideas and devices.
2. You must write a poem (or poems) that together total at least 14 lines of poetry.
3. Your poem(s) must be typed, but you may be creative with your use of font, color, and shape.
4. Be prepared to share your poem(s) with the class on week 8.
5. Take this assignment seriously! Do not take advantage of a free form or unconventional style unless you are purposeful in this!
6. Part of your project grade will depend on how seriously you take the assignment, including the presentation of your poem.
7. Your 14 lines of poetry must include a total of at least 5 examples from the following categories:

simile	slant rhyme
metaphor	internal rhyme
imagery	sight rhyme
assonance	rhyme scheme
consonance	symbolism
allusion	personification
onomatopoeia	meter

8. Bring your poem brainstorming sheet and 2 typed copies of your final poem to class – **make sure to annotate the copy you will turn in with the requirements (above).**

Original Poem Project – Brainstorming Worksheet

Three topic ideas for your poem:

What are some descriptive adjectives that describe your topic:

To what could you compare your topic? (think analogy, simile, metaphor)

What symbols or images could you incorporate into your poem?

Create a couple of alliterations that you could use in your poem: (try consonance and assonance!)

Can you think of an allusion that you could use in your poem?

Write a line of poetry using internal rhyme:

Write 2 lines of poetry using sight rhyme:

Write a couple lines of poetry in iambic pentameter (u / - 5 feet per line; 10 syllables per line):

Write a couple lines of poetry in iambic tetrameter (u / - 4 feet per line; 8 syllables per line):

Write a couple lines of poetry in free verse (no rhyme, no meter) or blank verse (unrhymed iambic pentameter).

Consider writing a specific type of poetry – quatrain (4-line stanza), sonnet (14 lines), haiku (3 lines). Look up specifics on each type of poetry for details on rhyme and meter if you plan to use these types. Or, be like a modernist and break the rules!