Poetry Research Project

Choose a poet to research. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Find a collection of poems by your poet either at the library or online. Read between 5-10 poems then select your favorite poem. Check out this website below to help you find poems by your poet.

**http://www.jeffcityschools.org/ms\_poet\_research\_paper\_BOGGS.htm**

* Create a collage that illustrates what your poem is about. **20 points**
* Recite that poem from memory in front of the class. **20 points**
* Find 10 interesting facts about your poet- NOT just biographical information (i.e. Robert Frost was born in 1941), but should be facts that are generally unknown or unique to the poet’s life (i.e Robert Frost’s poetry is featured in the novel The Outsiders). Each fact will be written on a separate NOTECARD and discussed in front of the class. **10 points**

Chose ONE of the following writing assignments: 25 points

* Did the poet’s background influence his/her writing? How?
* Is there a common theme in many of the poet’s poems? Explain.
* What is the speaker’s tone? Which words reveal this tone? Is the poem ironic?
* How important is the contribution of form, such as rhyme scheme and line arrangement? How does form influence the overall effect of the poem?

Projects will be presented the week of April 27- May 1.

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Poet\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Title of Poem\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

You must fill in **at least 3 examples** of poetic devices used in your favorite poem and include the lines from the poem in the appropriate box. **15 points**

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| Metaphor | Simile | Imagery |
| Allusion | Hyperbole | Onomatopoeia |
| Personification | Idiom | Alliteration |

Write at least one stanza of your poem NEATLY on the lines below and label the rhyme scheme ( e.x. A B A B). **10 points**

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