

Poetry Assignment

English 2 · Thompson

Make yourself an expert on the poem you have chosen from the textbook for this assignment. You will present the poem to the class, discussing it thoroughly and telling us a bit about the author.

→ Use the computer to create slides or a poster to give the class some information about the poet. This should be about ½ minute of your overall presentation.

→ Read the poem aloud to the class. (Do not display the poem on the screen; everyone already has a copy of your poem.) Be sure to pronounce all the words correctly, and practice your reading to do the best job possible. Then...

→ Point out rhyme and rhythm patterns in your poem. Use examples to show that you're correct.

→ Discuss the poem using several of the terms we learned. Use all of the terms that apply, and provide examples.

→ Explain what you think the poem means or what you feel the poem's message is. Again, back up your opinion with something, giving examples.

→ Tell what you liked and didn't like about the poem.

Feel free to include extra information about the poem, such as when it was written or on what special occasion.

Because the poems in our textbook vary so much, student presentations will naturally vary in length.

** Note: we will have an open-note quiz on all of the poems based on the information in the student presentation. Take notes and ask questions so you are prepared for this quiz. Your grade for this unit will be a combination of your presentation grade and quiz score.*