

Poets (in-class) Project

Poets

Maya Angelou
William Blake
Emily Dickinson
Robert Frost
Nikki Giovanni
Langston Hughes
William Shakespeare
Shel Silverstein
Gary Soto
Walt Whitman
William Butler Yeats

1. You will pick a poet. Once a group picks a poet, your group must choose a different one.
2. You will present your information to the class using a PowerPoint or Keynote. It should be neat and professional. Avoid colors and fonts that are distracting or hard to read. Avoid placing paragraphs on your slides. Include pictures and graphics to accompany your slides.

Information to include:

1. Biography
 1. Born/Died
 2. Where the poet lived
 3. What writing/literature movement with which your poet is associated (i.e. Harlem Renaissance, Transcendentalism, Modernism, etc.)
 4. What influenced the poet's writing
 5. Interesting Facts
 2. Titles of his/her most famous poems and the main idea of each poem (2-4 poems). You may find this information on the Internet. Include this information on your PowerPoint/Keynote.
4. Choose 1 poem from that poet. As a group, you will determine the topic, rhyme scheme, poem type, and figurative language. Analyze the word choice and structure of the poem. Then, **pick a line** and examine how it fits into the overall poem. How does it help develop the poem? How does it add meaning? You will share ALL of this information with the class. You can also include it in your presentation to assist you.
- **Provide copies: Send a copy of the poem you will use, and I will make copies.**
5. Each group member will write a poem about their poet. You can use any of the forms we have discussed (haiku, sonnet, free verse, limerick, etc.). You can present these, but you are not required. You will print this and turn it in at the end.

Due: _____