ENG IV: Poetry

**I Remember: A Look Back**

**Final Poetry Portfolio**

As you look back over the semester, and your time at Neuqua Valley High School, it seems fitting to chronicle some of your favorite memories, moments, and milestones. What better way than to put all of that into a poetry portfolio to share with your family and friends as they help you celebrate your graduation!

**Task**

Compile photographs—and perhaps other visuals of your choice—and eight (8) poems which chronicle a look back at your time in high school.

**Poems**

Your poems must be crafted along the lines of this “A Look Back” theme. You can choose any format you want for each poem—but each poem must be *original* and a *different format* and each must be *at least 16-20 lines* (though poems may *always* be longer). If you choose to write shorter poems (haiku, clerihew, etc.) you must write more than one to account for the line requirement for that specific poem.

**Presentation**

* One page introduction detailing your purpose and choices with regard to your portfolio.
  + Be sure to mention each poem in your portfolio (in order) along with 2-3 sentences about why you chose to write each one—why that topic, person, event, etc. has meaning for you.
* This introduction must be immediately followed by an “I Remember” poem (at least 25 lines).
* Seven (7) other poems following the “A Look Back” theme—these can be about people, events, memories, moments, lessons—anything you’d like.
* Each poem must be typed on its own page

**Photographs**

* At least five (5) of your poems must be accompanied by a photograph of the person, moment, memory, etc. that you’re writing about.
* Other visuals are also possible here: awards, acceptance letters, birthday cards, you name it. Just be sure to check these with me first!

**Basic Requirements**

* Typed, proofread
* Creatively presented with *binding* and *colorful cover*—you really should consider displaying this at your graduation celebration—so be as creative as you’d like with this!
* Play with punctuation, description, imagery, format, rhythm, meter, rhyme, enjambment
* Individual titles for each poem
* Complete submission to turnitin.com—everything must be submitted as ONE DOCUMENT

*The more time and effort you put into this project, the more you will get out of it. Hopefully, you will enjoy spending some time reflecting on your experiences and crafting poems to reflect those moments. Your poems can be funny, clever, witty, heartfelt, inspirational, nostalgic…anything you want. Be creative with this! You’ll enjoy having this as your very own “look back” on high school.*