

Individual Poet Research Project

Your task will be to select a poet from the list provided, research him/her thoroughly, write a research paper about this poet and present a formal speech on this poet to the class.

Research Paper Requirements

PART ONE: Biography

- ✓ Early life and influences and motivation – why he/she began writing
- ✓ Successes and failures
- ✓ Interesting tidbits about his/her life
- ✓ Style and content of his/her writings
- ✓ 3-4 pages; essay format
- ✓ Proper citations of *all material* – direct and indirect (correlated to WC page)
- ✓ Submission to turnitin.com

PART TWO: Poem Analysis

- ✓ A copy of the *thoroughly annotated* poem in its correct form
- ✓ **Paragraph 1:** interpretation of meaning, craft, personal connection/response – supported with *specific details* (quotes) from the poem.
- ✓ **Paragraph 2:** rationale of why you enjoyed (or didn't enjoy) this poem. Explain this thoroughly.

Presentation Requirements

Your presentation should include information on the following elements:

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| ✓ Birth; birthplace | ✓ when he/she started to write | ✓ outstanding accomplishments |
| ✓ Parents | ✓ primary influences; motivation | ✓ death (if applicable) |
| ✓ life growing up | ✓ famous poems | |

Your presentation must also incorporate:

- ✓ a recitation of one poem (you may have a printed copy with you)
- ✓ a power point with all necessary information
- ✓ a handout for each class member (AND for ME) that *briefly* outlines your poet, clarifies key information, and *leaves room for student notes*. Be prepared for periodic quizzes on these poets!

Power point requirements:

- ✓ Slides are easily readable
- ✓ Incorporates appropriate *images*
- ✓ **Slides are not all text**
- ✓ Slides are proofread
- ✓ Creative and aides in teaching the class
- ✓ Brought in on flash drive; or saved as a Google doc

A FEW NOTES: *Your presentation is due on the date you choose NO MATTER WHAT!*
If you are absent, your work must be here.
Please make note of your presentation date in your assignment notebook – it is *your responsibility* to keep track of your due date.

Handout requirements:

- ✓ Poet name, dates of birth/ death
- ✓ At least one image
- ✓ *Brief* outline of information; clarification of key information
- ✓ *Creative* format
- ✓ Room for student notes