

CREATIVE WRITING POEM PROJECT

DUE: FRIDAY 15 APRIL

OBJECTIVE: You will research a famous poet, compose and perform an original Spoken Word/SLAM Poem, after you:

- Annotate five (5) of her/his poems (mark the meter/rhythm, rhyme scheme, and meaning/interpretation of symbols)*;
- Research her/his life; and
- Write AND PERFORM a Spoken Word/SLAM!** Poem that has been influenced by the poet's style/persona.

Once you have the necessary information, you will write a reflective paper (2-3 pages, typed) with the following sections:

- Information on the poet's life (a brief biography—about one page); (30 points)
- An explanation of the meaning/your interpretation of two of the five poems, breaking down symbolism, rhyme, meter, etc. (roughly $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ of a page); (30 points) and
- Your own reflection on how her/his poems/style have influenced you as a poet (about $\frac{1}{2}$ a page) (30 points).

The final product will be arranged as follows:

1. The typed report, 12 pt. font, Times New Roman, double spaced, printed on only one side, with 1" margins.
2. Your original Spoken Word/SLAM! Poem, typed and performed.
3. Bibliography of works that you used for your research (Wikipedia is not to be used as a source—it's fine as a "jumping off" point to find out about the life and influence of your poet, but it is not acceptable to either quote from or rely solely upon).

*If the poem is more than one page, you only need to annotate one full page of the poem—it does not have to be the first page.

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Name: _____

Date: _____

Was it on time? Y N

Was it complete? Y N

WRITTEN PORTION:

Information on Poet's Life (bio-1 page)	___/30 Points
Poem analyses of TWO poems (1/2 - 3/4 pages)	___/30 Points
Self-Reflection (1/2 to 3/4 pages)	___/30 Points
MLA Format and Bibliography	___/10 Points
TOTAL	___/100 Points

SLAM! POEM PRESENTATION:

Presents an IDEA/EMOTION	___/10 Points
Conveys ATTITUDE	___/10 Points
Influenced by researched poet	___/10 Points
Minimum of 1 Minute	___/10 Points
Strong command/use of poetic devices (symbolism, etc)	___/10 Points
TOTAL	___/50 Points

Extra Credit Opportunity: Memorize your poem.