

Poetry Project Option #1: Analyze the lyrics to one of your favorite songs.

Due Date: Monday, March 23rd, 2015

Directions: Use the guidelines below for this poetry project.

1. Choose a favorite song.
2. Copy the lyrics to the *entire* song onto a Microsoft Word document or PowerPoint slide.
3. *Underline any poetic devices* included in the lyrics such as figurative language (hyperbole, oxymoron, simile, metaphor, etc.), imagery, sensory details, etc.
4. For the underlined lyrics, *write the poetic device* that you recognize (see example stanza below).
5. *Write one paragraph* (at least 5 sentences) that describes *what the lyrics mean to you*.

Note: If any curse words are included in the lyrics of your favorite song choice, please exclude, blackout, or use symbols in place of those words.

The example below includes one stanza from the lyrics to Paul Simon’s song “Sound of Silence”. This work should be completed for your whole song, not just one stanza.

Sounds of Silence by Paul Simon

<u>Hello darkness, my old friend</u>	Personification
I've come to talk with you again	
Because a <u>vision softly creeping</u>	Sensory details
Left its seeds while I was sleeping	
And <u>the vision that was planted in my brain</u>	Imagery
Still remains	
Within the <u>sound of silence</u>	Alliteration

See “Poetic Devices” handout for information about different creative devices used in poetry.

All poetry projects are graded *holistically* based on the overall quality of a student’s work. The general criteria of **neatness**, **creativity**, and **completeness** are assessed as a whole. As with most English assignments, your poetry project should include **proper spelling**. For “completeness”, be sure to include any required details as explained in the guidelines for the specific project you choose to complete. This project counts as a final assessment grade for the Poetry Unit. = **30 Points**

All of the projects may be *either handwritten or typed in Microsoft Word or PowerPoint*. If you decide to handwrite or draw a picture on paper, you will need to scan your work, and save it to a file on your computer; *or take a clear photograph of your writing/drawing, upload the picture to your computer, and save it to a file that way.*

Submit your **Poetry Project** to Mrs. Livingood via kmail.