Poetry Project Option #2: Write an "I AM" poem.

Due Date: Monday, March 23rd, 2015

Directions: Use the guidelines below to write your "I AM" poem.

I AM

FIRST STANZA
I am (two special characteristics you have)
I wonder (something you are actually curious about)
I hear (an imaginary sound)
I see (an imaginary sight)
I want (an actual desire)
I am (the first line of the poem repeated)

SECOND STANZA
I pretend (something you actually pretend to do)
I feel (a feeling about something imaginary)
I touch (an imaginary touch)
I worry (something that really bothers you)
I cry (something that makes you very sad)
I am (the first line of the poem repeated)

THIRD STANZA
I understand (something you know is true)
I say (something you believe in)
I dream (something you actually dream about)
I try (something you really make an effort about)
I hope (something you actually hope for)
I am (the first line of the poem repeated)

Example of a completed "I AM" poem:

I AM

I am a nutty guy who likes dolphins.
I wonder what I, and the world, will be like in the year 2000.
I hear silence pulsing in the middle of the night.
I see a dolphin flying up to the sky.
I want the adventure of life before it passes me by.
I am a nutty guy who likes dolphins.

I pretend that I'm the ruler of the world.
I feel the weight of the world on my shoulders.
I touch the sky, the stars, the moon, and all the planets as representatives of mankind
I worry about the devastation of a nuclear holocaust.
I cry for all the death and poverty in the world
I am a nutty guy who likes dolphins.

I understand the frustration of not being able to do something easily.
I say that we are all equal.
I dream of traveling to other points on the earth.
I try to reach out to poor and starving children.
I hope that mankind will be at peace and not die out.
I am a nutty guy who likes dolphins.
—SANDY MAAS

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.