# Poetry Research Paper

DUE BY: _____

**Objectives**: Students will use a variety of sources (electronic, expert, library sources, etc) to evaluate information and produce a research paper.

**FOR YOUR SENIOR RESEARCH PAPER, YOU WILL BE RESEARCHING THE LIFE OF A POET, ANALYZE A POEM, AND WRITE A LETTER IN THE POINT OF VIEW AS THE POET.**

For your specific research you will need five (5) sources

You have to have a minimum of 2 book sources, however they don't have to be books that you produce, they can be online – you just have to cite them properly in your Works Cited Page.

You can use any sources online, however, if you use a site that is a .com site, you have to write what is called a PRECIS, which is a summary of the facts that you will use. This is to show the validity of the source, and that the information is not falsified. With poetry, there is little concern for falsifying information; this is practice for college.

ORGANIZATION OF THE PAPER:

**PAGE 1: COVER PAGE** – you need to have the title of the poem, the poet's name, and your name. The cover page should be creative. You can use photographs from the internet, just be stylistic.

**PAGE 2: INTRO** (1-2 double-spaced paragraphs.) This is to setup the paper. It should be something reflective on the subject, something that is going to set your research paper up for success. It usually is something that is not in the research paper, but something you want the reader to know.

**PAGE 3: TIMELINE OF AUTHOR'S LIFE** – This doesn't have to be a bullet-formatted timeline; you can use creativity here. It should be 10-12 significant dates; dates that represent the importance of the poet. They don't have to be just life events, relate it around the DATE OF WHEN THE POEM YOU ARE ABOUT TO ANALYZE IS PUBLISHED. They can be historic dates as well, I'm assuming these historic moments affected the poet, put them in there.

**PAGE 4: THE POEM** – put the poem here AS IT IS EXACTLY WRITTEN. Choose a poem that is no longer than a page. Your analysis will be watered down if the poem is too long.

**PAGE 5/6: POETRY ANALYSIS** – For this you will be writing your own analysis coupled with research that you find. Blend what you see and what experts/authors see.





**Key Points for Poetry Research**

- Each time you include information from your research you will need to cite the source of the information. Without including this citation, it is considered plagiarism.
- We will be using parenthetical citation. Follow the instructions below.
    - Insert the author's last name and a page reference in parentheses after the information that requires citation. End punctuation follows the parentheses.
- Example: (Author's last name page number). **No comma between!**
    - If there is no author use the title of the article and the page number.
- Example: ("Title of Article" page number).
- Ex. (Medina 17), ("Theories of Interdimensional Displacement" 21)

**PAGE 7/8 LETTER TO SIGNIFICANT OTHER** – You will be writing a letter from the point of view as the poet to a significant other (based on your research – it could be a wife, husband, lover, family member, friend, etc.) You will be writing the letter AT THE SAME TIME THE POEM WAS PUBLISHED, so include thoughts, ideas, observations that you as the poet witness.

THE MORE IMBUED VOICE, SOUNDING LIKE THE POET, THE BETTER THE GRADE.

Does this mean that you have to sound Elizabethan, or write in the language of the poet? Not at all. Just talk about what is going on in your life(the poet's) at the time the poem was written.

**PAGE 9: EXPLANATION OF GRADE** (paragraph to a page double-spaced.) This is just explaining what you think you deserve. Make sure to be as accurate as you can, and explain why you should get this grade – don't turn in a poorly written paper, then write that you deserve an A – this will make the grade worse. Be honest.

**PAGE 10: WORKS CITED PAGE** – Make sure every site is on here, and put in proper MLA format (to see proper format go to the Purdue Owl Page:

**https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/**

**Your grade will consist of your**:

1. THOROUGHNESS OF RESEARCH
2. ORGANIZATION AND PRESENTATION OF RESEARCH PAPER
3. CREATIVITY AND EFFORT

**I NEED TO SEE YOUR WORKS CITED PAGE AND PRECES BY**:

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