

Unit 6: Poetry Portfolio

Compose a poem on a major, meaningful theme using poetic techniques, figurative language, and graphic elements.

Poems must have at least 8 lines. Try to keep the poem length to one page, and break long poems into stanzas. Stanzas should be single spaced, with a blank line between stanzas.

Themes are overarching ideas or author's message that usually can be expressed in a noun phrase or short "lesson learned" sentence. Some examples of themes are:

- The journey to adulthood
- Impact of loss of loved one
- Man's inhumanity to man
- Reconciliation between friends
- Acceptance of self
- Man's responsibility to society
- Reaction to an event/situation
- Consequences of an action
- Beauty of a scene in nature
- A moment of insight

1. Poetic Techniques: Poetic techniques create a strong effect and express a meaningful idea. They are consistently used. **Your poem must have at least ONE example of poetic techniques that is highlighted and labeled.**

- Rhyme
- Alliteration
- Onomatopoeia
- Rhyme Scheme

2. Figurative language: Wide variety of memorable figurative language. **Your poem must have at least ONE example of figurative language that is highlighted and labeled.**

- Imagery
- Simile
- Metaphor
- Personification

3. Graphic Elements Use graphic elements to express ideas precisely

- Line length
- Division into stanzas for longer poems
- Capitalization
- Punctuation
- Spelling

How You Will Be Graded

- MLA heading with unique title **(3 points)**
- Theme: **(4 points)**
- 1 Example of Poetic Devices that are highlighted and labeled **(8 points)**
- 1 Example of Figurative Language that are highlighted and labeled **(8 points)**
- All Graphic Element are used appropriately **(1 point)**