

## 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:

- 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
- The journey to adulthood
- Impact of loss of loved one
- Man's inhumanity to man
- Reconciliation between friends

1. Poetic Techniques and Figurative Language: Poetic techniques create a strong effect and express a meaningful idea. They are consistently used. Figurative language: Wide variety of memorable figurative language. **Your poem must have four examples of figurative language and poetic techniques that are highlighted and labeled.**

- **Please see the supporting documents with examples of figurative language and poetic devices.**

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)**
- 2 Examples of Poetic Devices that are highlighted and labeled **(8 points)** ● 2 Examples of Figurative Language that are highlighted and labeled **(8 points)** ● All Graphic Element are used appropriately **(1 point)**