

## AP Literature Modern Poetry Assignment

In your textbook you will find an abundance of modern poetry. Your group's task is to choose a poem that you all like and teach it to the class.

In order to do this well, you need to think about the elements that impact the poem.

Hence, you should follow the guidelines below.

1. Choose any poem from 1900 to present day. Textbook poetry only. You **MUST** get approval from me before you begin research on your poem. I don't want two groups doing the same poem- or groups doing a poem covered sophomore/junior year.
2. Read pages 720-721 and 748-750.
3. Research the poet and document any interesting information about him/her. See if you find any connections between the poet's life and the poem you chose.
4. Analyze the poem. You may use a number of techniques for this. TWIST, SIFT, or the the documents I provided you on how to analyze poetry. You may find additional information on our Weebly class page. You should also note anything not covered in one of these short-cuts to poetry. In other words, what's the essence of the poem?
5. You need to prepare to teach us the poem. So, have a hand-out, a presentation, or an "overhead" to use during your lesson to aid us in understanding. If you develop a hand-out or brochure - anything printed - email it to me a day ahead of time and I can print enough copies for our class.
6. You are teaching the class, so make sure you cover **everything thoroughly**. You can call on students, quiz them, whatever you want. But you only have a limited time, so don't get all power crazy.
7. BONUS: Read through the AP Poetry Prompts from past years (available online) and compose an AP appropriate prompt for your poem and discuss what would constitute an appropriate response – a score of 8 or 9!

