

<b>Course Title – Poetry</b>
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<b>Unit # 2, topic – Writing Poetry</b>
<b>Transfer Goal –</b> Students will be able to independently use their learning to find their own unique poetic voice/style and make meaning of the world around them as poets/artists.

## Stage 1 – Desired Results

### Established Goals

W.11-12.4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

W.11-12.5. Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, trying a new approach, or consulting a style manual (such as MLA or APA Style), focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

W.11-12.6. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce, share, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.

W.11-12.10. Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes

### 21<sup>st</sup> Century Themes

( [www.21stcenturyskills.org](http://www.21stcenturyskills.org) )

- Global Awareness
- Financial, Economic, Business and Entrepreneurial Literacy
- Civic Literacy
- Health Literacy
- Environmental Literacy

### 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills

*Learning and Innovation Skills:*

- Creativity and Innovation
- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- Communication and Collaboration

*Information, Media and Technology Skills:*

- Information Literacy
- Media Literacy
- ICT (Information, Communications and Technology) Literacy

*Life and Career Skills:*

- Flexibility and Adaptability
- Initiative and Self-Direction
- Social and Cross-Cultural Skills
- Productivity and Accountability
- Leadership and Responsibility

### **Enduring Understandings:**

*Students will understand that . . .*

#### *EU 1*

- Various styles of poetry have different forms and conventions.

#### *EU 2*

- Style is influenced by cultural, historical, and personal factors.
- Style reflects the uniqueness of each individual writer.

#### *EU 3*

- Poets use figurative language and word choice to create meaning/theme/message.

#### *EU 4*

- Young writers need to view works through a creative and constructive lens in an effort to build meaning and shape their artistic voice as a poet.

#### *EU 5*

- Conventional writing methods may not always apply to writing poetry.
- Breaking boundaries and taking risks in writing can lead to finding one's voice and place in the artistic world.

### **Essential Questions:**

#### *EU 1*

- How does an understanding of the different styles and their characteristics (forms, conventions, etc.) help the writer better create meaning in his/her work?

#### *EU 2*

- How does the selection of a particular style shape the poet's message?
- Does a poet choose a style/form or does the style/form choose the poet?
- Is one form or style more powerful than another?

#### *EU 3*

- How does word choice and figurative language simultaneously create emotion while affecting meaning/theme/message?
- Is a poem a poem without figurative language? What constitutes "a poem"?

#### *EU 4*

- How does constructive self-evaluation and reflection on one's writing shape voice, style, and writing? What can we learn about ourselves and our written voice through writing poetry?

#### *EU 5*

- How do you write a poem? Is there a "correct" way to write a poem?
- How do poets break boundaries of structure to open new ways of writing poetry?
- How can poetry and a complete embracing of the art of writing open doors for students not only as writers, but also as young adults in the real world?

**Knowledge:**

Students will know . . .

**EU 1**

- The various styles/forms of poetry.
- How to incorporate characteristics of each form in their own writing.

**EU 2**

- The importance of style.
- The contributing factors to a personal style.

**EU 3**

- The effect of figurative language in a poem.
- How to employ various types of figurative language.
- The effect of word choice in a poem.

**EU 4**

- How to interpret a poem beyond “what it means”.
- How to “talk” about and critique poetry.

**EU 5**

- Poems are not always written in the conventional manner (left to right, top to bottom).

**Skills:**

Students will be able to . . .

**EU 1**

- Create various styles and forms of poetry. (Examples may include, but not limited to: Sonnet, Free Verse/Open Form, Haiku, Villanelle/Paradelle, Sestina, Pantoum, Elegy, Limericks, Ballads/Lyrics, etc.)
- Practice characteristics of specific poetic forms.

**EU 2**

- Define what “personal style” is/means.
- List and recognize characteristics of their own style and how they build/shape that style.
- Acknowledge and reflect how a their background (cultural, historical, personal factors) influence their style.

**EU 3**

- Demonstrate use of figurative language.
- Manipulate word choice in original work to convey meaning/theme/message/etc.

**EU 4**

- Apply elements of interpretation beyond figurative language to critique own/others’ work.
- Recognize and reflect on their own preferences for what makes a poem “good” or “bad” and defend interpretation for workshopping purposes.

**EU 5**

- Create poems that stretch the boundaries of convention and challenge readers in an effort to free their individual poetic voice.

<b>Stage 2 – Assessment Evidence</b>

**Other Recommended Evidence:** *Tests, Quizzes, Prompts, Self-assessment, Observations, Dialogues, etc.*

- Student-developed work/poetry
- Self-assessment
- Self-reflection
- Writer's Workshop
- Peer edit/Peer review
- In-class discussion
- Quizzes/Tests

### **Stage 3 – Learning Plan**

**Suggested Learning Activities to Include Differentiated Instruction and Interdisciplinary Connections:** *Consider the WHERETO elements. Each learning activity listed must be accompanied by a learning goal of A= Acquiring basic knowledge and skills, M= Making meaning and/or a T= Transfer.*

- Writing Workshops/Peer Editing **A, M, T**
- Write a companion poem to a work read in class (ex: Whitman's "I Hear America Singing" and Hughes' "I, Too") **M, T**
- Student-developed poems **A, M, T**
- Daily journal writing (reflect on own work and others' work) **A, M**
- Daily writing prompts **A, M**
- How to write/imitate different styles/forms (Examples may include, but not limited to: Sonnet, Free Verse/Open Form, Haiku, Villanelle/Paradelle, Sestina, Pantoum, Elegy, Limericks, Ballads/Lyrics, etc.) **A, M, T**
- Literary Device writing exercises (metaphor, simile, rhyme, assonance, alliteration, etc.) **A, M**
- Analyze/imitate poets with different styles/structure (e.e. cummings, Swenson, etc.) **A, M, T**
- Compare poets/works to identify how style/form has changed (Shakespeare, William Carlos Williams, Dorothy Parker, etc.) **A, M**
- Blackout poetry **M**
- Poetry portfolio **M, T**
- Sidewalk Chalk Poetry **M, T**