English 8

Poetry Journal

Major Project (200 points total)

Assignment

* You will be writing in an online poetry journal over the course of the next 8 weeks
* Each journal entry needs to be at least 300 words long (you can check this on Google Drive easily) and about the poems we’ve read that week
* Semester grade: 200 points for the journal + 100 reading points + 100 pt. figurative language handout participation + 50 pt. figurative language quiz
* Each journal entry is worth 25 points (25 x 8 weeks = 200 points) – late deduction applies
  + 10 for word count length
  + 10 for quality of writing/depth
  + 5 points for grammar, spelling, punctuation, etc.

Tips

* Use your class time wisely to get this done, and you shouldn’t have much/any homework.
* After we finish reading/discussing poetry, you will have any remaining class time left to write in your poetry journal.
* You will also have time to finish your journal entry on Friday in-class, so you can go into the weekend with no English homework (unless you’re doing reading points or studying!)
* See the back of this page for the list of things you can talk about with each journal entry

8 weekly journals due by midnight on Fridays:

* 01/11 – What is a poem?, Walt Whitman, “Ode to My Socks”
* 01/18 – Masks, Langston Hughes, Nikki Giovanni
* 01/25 – Japanese poetry and the *Tao te Ching*
* 02/01 – Edgar Allen Poe, Emily Dickinson, and complex emotions
* 02/08 – Robert Burns, Robert Frost, and cities
* 02/15 – Leaders, war and peace, and Stephen Crane
* 02/22 – Dealing with loss and “Dover Beach” / “Sea of Faith”
* 03/01 – Sonnets, William Shakespeare, aging, and “The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock”

**See the back of this page for your list of options when journaling. Make sure you write thoughtfully, put time into your journal entry, and proofread it before the due date.**