

Ninth Grade Poetry PowerPoint Project

UNIT OBJECTIVES:

- We will study poetic and literary devices in conjunction with original poetry, popular published poems, and the “poetry” of the current music and lyrics we love.
- We will learn to identify mood and literary devices, including but not limited to simile, metaphor, alliteration, rhyme, rhythm, and imagery.
- We will utilize technology to further develop skills in PowerPoint and create a multimedia presentation.

PROJECT STANDARDS:

- You will each create a PowerPoint presentation containing 10 slides.
- You will show examples of the literary devices in the poems and lyrics you choose to study.
- You will prepare a presentation that is organized, attractive, and eye-catching. The format should reinforce the content. The technology should be fully explored and implemented. (Transitions, fonts, colors, perhaps a picture of your author or songwriter, etc. Remember, this should be a professional-looking presentation...it’s not a MySpace.)
- Presentations should show clear evidence of proofreading. The presentation should have not grammatical, spelling, or punctuation errors.

Directions for Completion: (Use as a Checklist)

1. Create a **title slide** including your name, the name of your project, and a list of the poem titles and authors in the order they appear in your PowerPoint presentation. Include any other creative elements that can foreshadow the rest of your presentation.
2. Include an **author’s slide about you** that includes facts about your dates of life, birthplace, current residence (city, state), education, family, hobbies/extra-curricular activities, writing interests, and any writing awards received. Also include any significant events that have influenced your writing. Include a current picture of yourself on this page. This slide will come after the title slide.
3. You must write and share **2 original poems**. You may follow conventional styles of poetry (see tips on Poetry on pages 891-893 of the textbook,) or you may be as creative as you wish. Found poems, free verse, and original song lyrics are acceptable. Acrostics and Haikus are NOT allowed. Good poetry does not always rhyme; in fact, the best poems usually don’t. Your poetry should reflect your ability level; lack of effort will result in low scores. Think about topics that interest you, controversial issues, relational situations you’ve experienced, your hero, your favorite places to be, your aspirations for adulthood...poetry topics are very all-inclusive and your poems should be carefully considered, original compositions.
4. Choose your **favorite published poet**. (Start with www.poets.org) Include their name, a picture of your favorite poet, simple background information including education, city of residence, significant events that affected their life story, and common themes their writing presents, unusual traits as a writer...tell us what makes them interesting to you. Do they write about a topic with which you identify?
5. On one slide, include **your favorite poem** that has been previously published *by your favorite poet*. On the next slide write **3-4 sentences explaining why** that poem is your favorite.
6. **Song lyrics as poetry.**
 - * You must include enough of the song on the slide that the poetic elements are apparent.
 - * Identify at least two poetical devices. Highlight them in the poem and label them. (Symbolism, simile, metaphor, alliteration, rhyme, rhythm, imagery, etc.)
 - * In bullet form, on another slide, **explain why you like this lyric poem**. What does it mean to you?
 - * Identify the singer or group.
 - *No foul language or demeaning terms, please. The subject matter must be appropriate for school.
 - *On another slide, **identify which type of song** the lyrics are and explain why. (See page 2)

The Five Types of Songs

- 1) **Lyric Songs:** This type of song expresses deep, personal feelings. It deals with basic human needs and emotions. Common human experiences are explored. Examples: "Yesterday" by The Beatles and "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing" by Aerosmith.
 - 2) **Narrative Songs:** Narrative songs deal with history, geography, or myth. Direct, simple language is usually the norm. These songs are almost always factually based, if they deal with history or geography. Basically, they tell a story. Example: "Rosa Parks" by The Neville Brothers or "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald" by Gordon Lightfoot.
 - 3) **Dramatic Songs:** This type of song is quite expressive. It reveals certain situations, and conflicts. Sometimes the song becomes a mini-story for the listener. These songs are usually fictitious. Example: "Bohemian Rhapsody" by Queen, "Alice's Restaurant Massacre" by Arlo Guthrie, "American Pie" by Don McLean, "Goodbye Earl" by the Dixie Chicks.
 - 4) **Social Commentary Songs:** This type of song comments on society. It highlights certain attitudes, problems, and conditions. It highlights these situations, in a hope that a positive change will occur. Examples: "Mr. Wendell" by Arrested Development, "We Are the World" by Various Artists, "Thunder Rolls" by Garth Brooks.
 - 5) **Humorous Songs:** This type of song deals with humor and the lighter side of songwriting. These songs are written to entertain; a lot of the time there is a deeper hidden message. Examples: "Loser" by Beck, "I'm Too Sexy" by Right Said Fred, "Fight For Your Right" by Beastie Boys.
7. The poet's name should be written underneath the title of each poem, including your name as the poet for your original poetry.
8. Illustrate each page of your PowerPoint in some way (graphics, pictures, borders, etc.)

Checklist of required slides:

1. Title Slide
2. Author's Slide about You
3. 1 of 2 original poems
4. 2 of 2 original poems
5. Slide about your favorite published poet
6. Your favorite poem
7. Slide explaining your poem
8. Song lyrics as poetry (don't forget to identify the 2 required poetic devices)
9. Slide explaining why you like your lyrics
10. Slide identifying and explaining song type

*** Your presentation must be saved to your school folder on the network. (The one with your name on it.) If you create your PowerPoint at home, you must bring it on a flash drive and transfer it to your school folder. YOU MUST TURN IN A PRINTED COPY OF YOUR POWERPOINT SLIDES, PRINTED WITH 6 SLIDES PER PAGE. This is due at the beginning of class on May 12th. Your PowerPoint will be graded with the attached rubric.**

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