**Project: Write a Romantic Era Style Poem**

Some of you may love poetry, and this project will seem like a breeze. Most of you have openly declared that you hate poetry! Therefore, this project will, hopefully, show you the beauty in writing and sharing your own poem. *Emotionally expressive poems will be featured on the class website!*

**Learning Objectives:**

* Write a Romantic era style poem
* Identify Romantic era poetic themes in your own writing
* Evaluate and implement the writing process

**Requirements:**

* 20 lines minimum
* Contain **3** of the 4 Romantic era themes
* Each theme MUST be underlined or highlighted and labeled
* Typed (you may email me your final draft to: [kip7086@gmail.com](mailto:kip7086@gmail.com))

**Due = Friday, 3/27/15 before you leave class.**

**Tips:**

* Writing poem resources are available on the class website, [www.mrsguillory.weebly.com](http://www.mrsguillory.weebly.com) > Romantic Era Poetry
* Doesn’t necessarily have to be about nature, but it should be about an event where you felt intense, deep emotion.
* Use a thesaurus to help you with finding synonyms and antonyms for common, everyday language
* A rhyming dictionary is available at: <http://www.rhymezone.com/>

**Steps to write the poem:**

1. Select an object you’ve seen in your nature walk. Or, choose a memory of an event in your own life where you experienced intense emotion.
2. Create a list of words that describe the emotion you want to convey (show) in your poem. For example, if the intense emotion is happiness, your list might include words such as joy, elation, exuberance, cheer, bliss, delight, and so on. *\*If you’re struggling with adjectives, use the thesaurus.*
3. Write a draft of your poem using the words from your list to describe the object in nature or the life event you have chosen. Don’t use adjectives that describe color, texture, or size. Make the readers feel what you felt rather than making theme see what you saw.

*\*If you’re describing something in nature, describe how the object makes you feel, not what it looks like!*

1. Rewrite the story in verse (poetic) form.
2. Edit your work. Choose your words precisely to create the emotion in the smallest space.
3. Read the poem aloud to make sure it reflects your experience in nature or with the life event.
4. Type, email or print out your final draft and submit it by the due date!