

I would like you to do some poetry reading where you have significant freedom of choice as to what you read. I want you to be able to explore poets, subjects, time periods, and geographical areas you are interested in. This project is intended to help you do just that. Follow the directions below:

1. Use the website www.poetryfoundation.org
2. Explore the site, taking time to look at the different ways to search for poems.
3. You will read a total of 10 poems for this assignment, all of which need to be located at this site. Follow these parameters:
 - a. 5 must be from American poets: at least one must be a minority writer and at least two must be from women writers
 - b. 5 must be from poets from countries other than America
 - c. Each poem must be from a different writer
 - d. At least two must use rhyme
 - e. At least two must be free verse
 - f. At least two must be pre-20th century
 - g. At least two must from the 21st century

For each of the 10 poems you choose, do the following:

1. Give the title and author
2. Specify which criteria above each poem meets; for instance, "American, female, rhyme, 21st century." (Make sure you meet each criteria above)
3. Provide a ½ page reading log with at least six entries. Entries do not need to be labelled.
4. Write a theme statement: one clear sentence that captures the essence of the poem.
5. Either typed or VERY neatly hand written in ink.