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Informative Poetry Essay Instructions

**Poet to Research**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:**

*You will be writing an informative paper about a famous poet. In order to do this you will need to complete research in class to find information about your poet, then you will write a paper explaining the life history of your poet.*

**This paper is due on Monday, March 17th**

**Requirements**:

* Claim/ Thesis
  + Example:
    - **This paper will focus on William Wordsworth’s early life, poetic career, and major poems.**
* Multi-paragraph paper
  + *Introduction (including claim)*
  + *First topic explained*
  + *Second topic explained*
  + *Third topic explained*
  + *Conclusion*
* At least 200 words
* At least three facts cited correctly in the paper

**Poet Options:**

*You may choose one of the following poets to research for your paper, and then write your poet on the line at the top of this paper. If you would like to research a poet that is not listed, get approval from Ms. Nielsen.*

* William Wordsworth
* William Blake
* Robert Burns
* Emily Dickinson
* Elizabeth Barrett Browning
* Sir Walter Scott
* Shel Silverstein
* William Shakespeare
* Edgar Allen Poe
* Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
* Robert Browning
* Walt Whitman
* Robert Frost
* Carl Sandburg
* Sara Teasdale
* Langston Hughes
* Lewis Carroll
* William Carlos Williams
* Maya Angelou
* Billy Collins
* Gary Soto
* Naomi Shihab Nye
* Pablo Neruda
* Sylvia Plath
* T.S. Elliot
* John Keats