

POETRY GALLERY PROJECT

What is it?

As your final poetry project (graded like a test) our class will be creating a “poetry gallery.” A poetry gallery is just like an art gallery or museum, except in a poetry gallery, authors create their work by covering an item in poems about it. For example, someone might take a rolling pin and write poems *on the actual pin*. The poems would all have something to do with cooking, food, memories around cooking / baking, or anything else that would go along with the item. It is your job, as a poet, to create your own piece to submit to our poetry gallery. You must determine what object you want to use. Then, you must write several poems about this object or activities that go along with the object.

What poems do I need to include?

You must include the following poems on your piece. Remember, these poems must all pertain to your object.

_____ 1 Haiku	_____ 1 Cinquain
_____ 1 Tanka	_____ 1 Diamonte
_____ 1 Onomatopoeia	_____ 1 Limerick
_____ 3 Free Verse	_____ 1 metaphor

= 10 poems in all

Feel free to add more if you'd like to!

Depending on what your object is, you may need to use some special pens or markers that will show up and look nice!

What object should I use?

You may use any object that you choose but you need to be sure that it is something no one needs to use again (because you will be writing on it), something that is able to be written on, and something big enough to hold ten poems. Try to pick something that is somehow connected to an important part of your life so that you will actually be able to write poems related to it. For example, if you are very into playing basketball, you could write on a basketball because you would have a lot to say. If you hate sports, a basketball would not work because you would most likely not have much to say about basketball.

Examples of objects I have seen used are:

Baseball bats

Home plates

Mirrors

Rocking Chairs

TVs

Puzzles

Picture Frames

T-Shirts

Lamp Shades

BE CREATIVE!!

When is it due?

Your completed project must be turned in on _____ . This gives you _____ weeks to complete the project. You will have some work time in class but not too much. It will be graded as a test and will count for English. We will take time that day to share our poetry gallery projects with the class. Be prepared to not only have your item to put on display, but also to do a brief presentation and a reading of your favorite poems on the piece.

What needs to be handed in?

On the due date, you need to have your piece for the gallery here. You also must turn in typed copies of your poems so that I can grade them without having to write on your gallery piece. Know what poems you want to read to us.

How will I be graded?

I will use a rubric to grade you, but you also will be expected to grade / review one other gallery piece. You may choose the piece that you want to review. We will discuss this more later.