

"POETRY HOMEWORK #2"

The answers to this should be **written in your notebook** using the title listed above and today's date.

Choose just **ONE** of the following options for your homework. Label which option you choose. Each **EXTRA** option you choose to do does gain you **THREE B POINTS**. Doing all 12 questions in option 1 earns one extra B point.

OPTION ONE: ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

Answer any TEN of the following TWELVE questions using **COMPLETE SENTENCES**.

Magic Lens

1. Pick any line from the poem "Caterpillar" and label each word's part of speech (like the bellwork).

Rhyme Scheme

2. What is the rhyme scheme of the first two stanzas of the poem at the bottom of this homework?

Haiku

3. Write a good example of a haiku that mentions a squirrel.

-In Just

4. Explain evidence in the poem that would tell us WHEN the poem is taking place.

5. Why does the poet refer to the balloonman as being goat-footed?

Living Tenderly

6. Give two good examples from the poem that demonstrate who the speaker is.

7. Pick a metaphor from the poem and explain what is being compared and why.

8. Create your own example of a simile or metaphor that COULD have been in the poem.

Questions 9-12 refer to the poem that you have to read for the quiz, "Evil Teacher"

9. Explain TWO clues in the poem that are supposed to help us figure out who the speaker is.

10. Lines 3-4 are an allusion to an occurrence in our class. What are these lines an allusion to and explain the connection.

11. Explain why line 9 of the poem is not a correct metaphor.

12. Connect this poem to a previous poem or story or experience we have read or had in class and explain your connection.

OPTION TWO: ALPHABET PHRASE HW

You need to USE the following TEN letters of the alphabet for this assignment

B-A-L-L-O-O-N—M-A-N Use only these TEN letters, and in that order. Each letter will BEGIN a phrase that DESCRIBES one of the STORIES we read. If you have trouble, then make the letter in the middle of the word. That's ok.

Each **PHRASE** (you don't need complete sentences, just COMPLETE THOUGHTS) must have **no FEWER than 6 words** (this is where most kids will mess up), **and NO MORE than 10 words**.

You need to come up with **COMPLETE IDEA phrases** describing the stories listed below. **Each POEM** you use MUST have at least **TWO LINES** written about it. Use the ones listed below this.

NUMBER each one you do (so it is easy to keep track), and **LABEL** them so we know which poems each line refers to.

Examples:

A caterpillar will turn into a butterfly

Back legs are just like hands making a web

- 1. A FACT FROM MAGIC LENS INFO**
- 2. INFORMATION ABOUT HAIKU**
- 3. LIVING TENDERLY**
- 4. IN JUST**
- 5. EVIL TEACHER**

OPTION THREE: WRITE A POEM OF YOUR OWN

For this option, you are going to write a poem that helps sum up your collective knowledge of what we've learned so far. Here are the rules you must follow:

1. The poem will be between **8 and 12 lines** in length.
2. It must be **MORE than ONE stanza** in length
3. Write the **Rhyme Scheme** at the END of each line
4. You must have at least **TWO similes** and **TWO metaphors** in the poem. **LABEL** them.
5. The **SUBJECT of your poem is the FIVE items listed above** in OPTION TWO. You work them into your poem in any way you want.
6. If you go "wussy" on your lines (only a couple words per line), then it won't count. Sorry.

“The Evil Teacher”

I stare upon a completely silent room
And fifty eyes follow my every move
English Stick of Knowledge raised in my right hand
One wrong answer and a lightning quick KA BOOM.

A room full of children leap into the air 5
Like popcorn kernels thrown into a hot, greasy pan.
They thought they knew how school worked,
But now they know that learning can scare!

Hello Kitty B Points gripped in my evil fingers like a pink clipboard.
My big eyes burning as bright as the red button of a dying XBOX 10
Horns rising from my forehead. They are small pointy cones of hate.
Laughing at the kids crying for their mommy just like my daughter.

It's all just a day in my life of evil
Crushing the delicate flowers that are children's souls.
How can a school let me near young minds? 15
A “K” begins my name, and I'm mean as a weasel.