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Due: Thursday, 2/7/19

Write a Free Verse Poem

(Choose only ONE prompt)

Prompt #1: In Julio Naboia Polanco's poem, "Identity," he says most people are like flowers, but says he would rather be a weed. Write a free verse poem (no specific rhyme scheme or structure) explaining what plant or animal you would most like to be and explain why. Include imagery (appealing to the senses: sight, smell, taste, touch, and hearing) at least one rhetorical device (e.g. simile, metaphor, personification, etc.) and one sound device (alliteration, assonance, consonance, etc.).

Prompt #2: In most of the poems we read, the speaker addresses a family member (their mother, their son, their grandfather, etc.). Re-write or add on to of one of the poems we read from the opposite perspective (this may be done in free verse or you may try to imitate the author's verses). For instance, you could add on to "Mother to Son" with how the young Langston Hughes would respond to his mother's advice. Include imagery (appealing to the senses: sight, smell, taste, touch, and hearing) at least one rhetorical device (e.g. simile, metaphor, personification, etc.) and one sound device (alliteration, assonance, consonance, etc.).

Prompt #3: Write a poem that uses an extended metaphor, similar to Hughes' or Polanco's poems. Your poem can be written in free verse (no specific rhyme or structure), but you should start your poem similarly to the other poets':

"Life for me ain't been no _____" or

"Let them be as _____ / I'd rather be _____.

Include imagery (appealing to the senses: sight, smell, taste, touch, and hearing) and one sound device (alliteration, assonance, consonance, etc.).

Prompt #4: Write a nonsense poem—seriously, it does not have to make sense and you can even make up words—that uses AS MANY sound devices as possible: alliteration, assonance, consonance, onomatopoeia, parallelism, repetition, rhyme, etc.

CHALLENGE: Whoever uses the most sound devices in their poem gets a homework pass! One student per class will be awarded a homework pass.