



AUTHOR STUDY



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Assignment Overview:

You will write a five-paragraph essay on a poet of your choosing. Your essay must provide background on the poet's life, an overview of their work, and a brief analysis of one poem they wrote. Your analysis must include two examples of figurative language (such as metaphor, simile, personification, imagery, etc.).

Essay Requirements:

- **Introduction:** Introduce your poet, provide some context, and include a clear thesis statement about their impact on poetry.
- **Body Paragraph 1:** Discuss the poet's background (birth, education, major life events, etc.).
- **Body Paragraph 2:** Explain the poet's major works, themes, and style.
- **Body Paragraph 3:** Analyze one poem, including at least two examples of figurative language and their effect on meaning.
- **Conclusion:** Summarize your main points and explain the poet's overall contribution to literature.

Formatting Guidelines:

- Typed, double-spaced, 12pt Times New Roman font.
- Use proper MLA in-text citations for any sources.
- Include a Works Cited page with at least two sources (one can be the poem itself)

Due Date: 2/9/2025

Helpful Tips:

- Choose a poet whose work genuinely interests you!
- Read multiple poems to understand their style before selecting one to analyze.
- Look for literary analysis articles or interviews to support your discussion.
- Don't forget to proofread before submitting!





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Rubric (1-5 Scale per Category)

Category	5 - Excellent	4 - Good	3 - Satisfactory	2 - Needs Improvement	1 - Incomplete
Introduction & Thesis	Engaging introduction with a strong, clear thesis	Clear introduction and thesis, but could be more engaging	Introduction and thesis are present but weak	Unclear thesis or missing introduction	No introduction or thesis
Poet's Background	Thorough, well-researched details about the poet's life	Good details, but missing some depth	Basic information with limited research	Minimal details, lacks depth	No relevant background information
Poet's Work & Style	Strong discussion of major works and themes with examples	Covers major works and themes but lacks some detail	Brief overview with little analysis	Minimal discussion of works or themes	No discussion of the poet's work
Poem Analysis & Figurative Language	Insightful analysis with two strong examples of figurative language	Good analysis, but figurative language explanations could be clearer	Identifies two examples but lacks depth in analysis	One example or weak explanation	No analysis or figurative language examples
Organization & Clarity	Well-structured paragraphs, smooth transitions, and logical flow	Clear structure but some transitions are rough	Some organization, but ideas may be scattered	Lacks clear structure, difficult to follow	No clear organization
Grammar & Mechanics	Virtually no errors in grammar, punctuation, or spelling	A few minor errors	Several noticeable errors	Many errors that distract from meaning	Too many errors to understand the essay
MLA Formatting & Citations	Proper MLA formatting with correct citations	Minor formatting mistakes	Some citations missing or incorrect	Many formatting issues	No citations or formatting

Total Score: ___ / 35





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Poet Study Essay: Final Checklist

Before submitting your essay, use this checklist to ensure you have met all the requirements. Check off each box once completed! ✓

Essay Content & Structure

- Introduction includes the poet's name, background context, and a clear thesis statement.
- Body Paragraph 1 provides detailed background on the poet's life (birth, education, major life events, etc.).
- Body Paragraph 2 discusses the poet's major works, themes, and writing style with examples.
- Body Paragraph 3 analyzes one poem and includes at least two examples of figurative language with explanations.
- Conclusion summarizes key points and explains the poet's overall impact on literature.

Writing Quality

- Each paragraph has a clear topic sentence and supports the thesis.
- Transitions are used to connect ideas smoothly between paragraphs.
- Sentences are clear and varied in structure.
- The analysis includes your own thoughts rather than just summarizing.

Grammar & Mechanics

- Essay is free of major grammar, spelling, and punctuation errors.
- Sentences are properly structured and easy to read.
- The writing is formal and academic (no slang or contractions).

MLA Formatting & Citations

- Essay is typed in 12pt Times New Roman, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins.
- Title is centered, and student's name, teacher's name, class, and date are in the top left.
- In-text citations are included for any quoted or paraphrased material.
- A Works Cited page is included with at least two sources (one can be the poem itself).

Final Review

- Read your essay out loud to catch any awkward phrasing or missing words.
- Have a friend, family member, or peer review your essay for feedback.
- Double-check that you followed all parts of the rubric.
- Submit your essay on time by the due date!