



AUTHOR STUDY



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Assignment Overview:

You will write a five-paragraph essay about a poet of your choice. Your essay must include information about the poet's life, their work, and a short analysis of one poem they wrote. In your analysis, you must find two examples of figurative language (such as similes, metaphors, or personification) and explain what they mean.

Essay Requirements:

- Introduction: Introduce the poet and explain why they are important.
- Body Paragraph 1: Give details about the poet's life (where they were born, major life events, etc.).
- Body Paragraph 2: Describe what kind of poetry they wrote and the topics they focused on.
- Body Paragraph 3: Pick one poem and explain its meaning. Find two examples of figurative language and explain what they mean.
- Conclusion: Summarize the key points about the poet and explain why their work is still read today.

Formatting Guidelines:

- Typed or neatly handwritten
- At least two full pages long
- Use complete sentences and proper punctuation
- Include the title of the poem you are analyzing
- Use 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	Clearly introduces the poet and explains their importance	Introduces the poet, but could give more detail	Mentions the poet but lacks a strong introduction	Unclear introduction or missing important details	No introduction
Poet's Life	Includes detailed facts about the poet's life	Includes facts but missing some detail	Basic information with little explanation	Few details about the poet's life	No information about the poet
Poet's Work	Describes the poet's style and common themes with examples	Describes the poet's work but lacks detail	Gives basic information with no examples	Briefly mentions the poet's work with little explanation	No discussion of the poet's work
Poem Analysis & Figurative Language	Analyzes the poem well, with two clear figurative language examples and explanations	Includes two examples but explanations could be clearer	Finds two examples but does not fully explain them	Only finds one example or has unclear explanations	No poem analysis or figurative language
Organization & Clarity	Well-structured paragraphs, clear sentences, and logical flow	Mostly clear with only minor issues	Some organization, but ideas may be scattered	Lacks clear structure, hard to follow	No clear structure or organization
Grammar & Mechanics	No grammar, punctuation, or spelling errors	A few minor errors	Some errors, but they do not make the writing hard to understand	Many errors that make it difficult to read	Too many errors to understand
Effort & Neatness	Work is well-organized, neatly written, and clearly shows effort	Mostly neat with some minor errors	Somewhat messy, but readable	Messy and difficult to read	Very messy or incomplete work

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 states the poet's name and why they are important.
- Body Paragraph 1 includes important details about the poet's life.
- Body Paragraph 2 explains what kind of poetry they wrote and common themes.
- Body Paragraph 3 includes a short analysis of one poem, with two figurative language examples explained.
- Conclusion summarizes why the poet's work is still read today.

Writing Quality

- Each paragraph has a topic sentence that introduces the main idea.
- Sentences are complete and easy to understand.
- I used transition words (such as "first," "next," "finally") to connect my ideas.

Grammar & Mechanics

- I checked for capital letters at the beginning of sentences and correct punctuation.
- My spelling is correct, and I used a dictionary or spell check if needed.

Neatness & Effort

- My handwriting or typing is neat and easy to read.
- I read my essay out loud to make sure it makes sense.
- I checked my work using this checklist before turning it in!
- 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!