**Poetry Project** *due May 10*

**Poetry Book:**

Five typed poems, each titled, illustrated and enclosed in an illustrated cover with book title and author name. Include table of contents.

Four poems will be the ones assigned in class: ballad, “Hallmark card”, sonnet, and nonsense poem.

The fifth poem will be either:

an original poem (with a minimum of 14 lines and at least four literary devices other than rhyme and rhythm and a topic appropriate to an eighth grader).

**Or**

a poem from a well-known poet or songwriter. The poem/lyrics will be typed out and illustrated and will have a critical analysis. That will be a paragraph or two on what the poem is about and a paragraph or two on what appeals to you about the poem.

**Music Video:**

You will make a video of your ballad being performed. The video needs background music, singing (chanting is okay), dancing, and the other expectations of a music video with a list of credits at the end of the video.

You may get help in producing, playing music, and singing your poem. However, you must be in the video and you must be at least a part of the performance of the chorus.

Music can be the simple synchronized music available on phones and computers or played by yourself or a companion. If you play the background music, you do not need to sing. Your music does not have to be original. You may use the music from another song (old or new). This is very much in the tradition of ballads. However, there must be a musical element beyond singing.

There must be performance as part of the video (as you know from having seen videos). The extravagance of the performance is up to you but obviously will count towards your grade.

You may absolutely double up with other students from the team and make a video “album” that includes as many ballads as there are performers. In other words, if four students decide to work together, their video would end up having four ballads being performed.

The credits must include the name and “job” of every person who helped with the video: from music, to lyrics, to cameraman, etc.

**Poetry Book:**

**Five original poems expected**

**Fifth original poem or found poem with analysis 20 pts \_\_\_\_\_**

**Illustrations** (color, neatness, creativity) **30 pts \_\_\_\_\_**

**Cover** (color, neatness, creativity) **15 pts \_\_\_\_\_**

**Table of Contents** (neatness, creativity) **10 pts \_\_\_\_\_**

**Overall quality of completed book** (inc. mechanics) **25 pts \_\_\_\_\_**

**Total \_\_\_\_\_**

**Extra (Poster advertising book) 10 pts \_\_\_\_\_**

**OR**

**Video:**

**Original ballad expected**

**Music 15 pts \_\_\_\_\_**

**Performance (consideration if author sings own song) 30 pts \_\_\_\_\_**

**Props, costumes, etc. 20 pts \_\_\_\_\_**

**Credits 10 pts \_\_\_\_\_**

**Overall quality of completed video 25 pts \_\_\_\_\_**

**Total \_\_\_\_\_**

**Extra: (Poster advertising video/album) 10 pts \_\_\_\_\_**