

CONNECTING WITH POETRY PROJECT # 8

BE INSPIRED: WRITING

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING A POEM FOR INSPIRATION:

Choose a poem. Read it over carefully and fill in the information on the chart about the poem IN THE FIRST COLUMN.

	OLD POEM	YOUR POEM
CHARACTERS		
WHERE IT HAPPENS		
WHEN IT HAPPENS		
WHAT HAPPENS		
WHAT FEELINGS IT COULD GIVE		

In the information you have listed, find at least one section that reminds you of an experience you have had. If you can't, this poem is not giving you ideas so you need to choose another one and start over.

If the poem has reminded you of something, fill in information about your idea or experience in the second column of the chart. If there is some information you don't remember, you can make it up. You will probably find that your experience is different in some ways and similar in others, from the one described in the poem.

When all the parts are filled in as best you can, run the mental video of the experience through your mind from start to finish. Write your poem. The title may come right away or not until you finish.

Read your poem to someone else to see if they understand what happens in your poem and what it is about. If something confuses the listener, try to make it clearer by adding new things or changing the order.

Have someone proofread your poem.

Make a final draft.

POINTS FOR FOCUS AND EVALUATION:

1. Did you choose a poem that gave you ideas?
2. Did you list the information about the first poem?
3. Did you list information about your own experience or idea?
4. Did you review the experience mentally?
5. Did you write your own poem?
6. Did you read it to someone and have them tell you whether they understood it all?
7. Did you have someone proofread it?
8. Did you make a final draft?
9. If you worked with a partner did you cooperate to get the job done well and on time? What could you have done to make the job easier or the result better?