



English 12

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English 12 Poetry Unit

Dates: February 27– April 21, 2017

The poetry unit will compose of two major components:

- **Writing:** before spring break
- **Analyzing/researching:** after spring break

The theme of the poetry unit is *identity*.

During this unit, you can expect to:

- Write!
- Explore, sample, and create less conventional types of poetry
- Experience the editing process involved with writing
- Analyze and evaluate poems from the past and present
- Analyze and evaluate song lyrics (with class input into song choices)
- Analyze and critique poetry in popular culture through videos, documentaries, and/or movies
- Complete the poetry section of past/sample English provincial exams
- **Learn basic research skills by using scholarly sources and the library**
- **Learn how to correctly use the Modern Language Association (MLA) citation style**
- Practice your public speaking skills
- Sample poetry from Canadian writers
- Explore the issue and works of underrepresented populations in Canadian literature (Indigenous peoples/visible minorities)
- Have some fun with poetry!

Occasionally, some content and material will be posted on the class website. I will let the class know if anything is posted on the website. Please visit blogs.ubc.ca/missho → **English 12 tab**. Any important updates/reminders may also appear on the homepage as a blog post.

As I run between the school building and the portables to teach different classes, I may not always be available immediately before/after class to answer questions or provide support. If you would like to meet with me for extra support, please email me in advance. After school is usually a good time to ask any brief questions you may have. I will inform the class of my whereabouts in advance.

If you or your parents/guardians have any questions or concerns, you can email me at jho@surreyschools.ca (please include your name).