

Due November 20th

The goal of this paper is for you to analyze and interpret the ways in which a poet's style and their use of poetic devices goes on to develop tone and theme. The assignment is to write a comparative analysis essay analyzing how two poets express a similar theme. You may choose any poet, whether or not we have reviewed them in class. Compare and contrast the poetry of each author - are there any similarities or differences in the way each author communicates through their poetry?

Guiding Questions:

- What do you think these words mean? Use context clues prefixes/suffixes/roots, punctuation, and signal words to predict.
- What are the nature sounds and the nature sights? Highlight each a different color while listening.
- What is the significance of the use of nature images throughout their poems?
- What are the poetic devices used by each author to develop his or her attitude toward death?
- After reading the poems and identifying the poetic devices, what two questions do you have about the poems?
- In some of the poems, the author expresses a particular tone-attitude—towards a topic (ex: death). How do the authors' attitudes and use of poetic devices compare and contrast with each other?