

Ars Poetica Assignments Week 2 (March 13)

Keywords: Poet/Poem/Poetry

I. Writing/Recording: At the beginning of next session, after announcements, you will have 10 minutes to compose (in writing or voice note) a brief response to one of the prompts below. Your response should be short (no more than 2-3 sentences) and focused. Feel free to jot down or audio record some ideas before the session.

CHOOSE 1:

1. Describe an interesting similarity OR difference you notice in 2 of the poems.
2. Did you have a strong response to a poem or part of one? Briefly explain.

Reading: Most of these are very short, but If you are pressed for time, do not feel obliged to read them all. Please share in our meeting if the assignment was burdensome.

POET

Dickinson, Emily “This was a poet”

<https://www.emilydickinsonmuseum.org/roomitem/this-was-a-poet/>

Berry, Wendell “How to be a Poet”

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poetrymagazine/poems/41087/how-to-be-a-poet>

Clifton, Lucille “My Dream about the Poet”

<https://theusesofanger.wordpress.com/2014/01/18/a-mani-think-i/>

Milosz, Czeslaw “A Confession”

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/archive/entertainment/books/2004/08/22/a-confession-my-lord-i-love/fc704db9-1d44-4f2e-a12d-d5dd5a610c71/>

Felix, Camonghne “Ars Poetica”

<https://poets.org/poem/ars-poetica-8>

Neruda, Pablo “The Poet’s Obligation”

<https://io.ocean.washington.edu/rsn/jrd/poetry/poetsobligation.html>

POEM

MacLeish, Archibald “Ars Poetica”

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poetrymagazine/poems/17168/ars-poetica>

Abdurraqib, Hanif “The Prestige”

<https://poets.org/poem/prestige>

Glenn, Karen “The Poem Wants a Drink”

<https://www.tnellen.com/cybereng/poetry/drink.html>

POETRY

Alexander, Elizabeth “Ars Poetica #100: I Believe”

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/53005/ars-poetica-100-i-believe>

Nemerov, Howard “Because You Asked About the Line Between Poetry and Prose”

<https://www.tnellen.com/cybereng/poetry/because.html>

Moore, Marianne “Poetry”

<https://poets.org/poem/poetry>

Strand, Mark “Eating Poetry”

<https://www.tnellen.com/cybereng/poetry/eating.html>

Lovelace, Nabila “Ars Poetica”

<https://poets.org/poem/ars-poetica-9>

Young, Dean “Small Craft Talk Warning”

<https://poets.org/poem/small-craft-talk-warning>

III. Materials Mentioned but not included in Session 1 – FYI, not assigned

Collins, Billy “Introduction to Poetry”

<https://www.tnellen.com/cybereng/poetry/apple.html>

Horace “Ars Poetica” (Introduction)

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/articles/69381/ars-poetica>

Pope, Alexander Excerpt from “An Essay on Criticism”

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/articles/69379/an-essay-on-criticism>