

Free Verse 'Picturey'

Student Name: _____ Hour: _____ Date: _____

“Poetry is Not Always Words” ~ Audrey Foris

Think about the quote above and what we know about Free Verse. Free Verse poetry is about painting a picture with words. The goal of this assignment is for students to do write a free verse poem using nothing but pictures that they find on the Internet. Follow the steps below to assist:

1) Write your poem using words first: Develop a topic – it can be about anything – and write a short free verse poem about that topic. Remember that Free Verse poetry doesn't have to rhyme nor does it have a meter of any kind. Remember to keep the Poem short!

3) Now that you've written a rough draft of your poem, go to a computer and get on line. Search for pictures that capture an particular emotion or help describe a particular line in your poem. For instance, if the line mentions a “car”, then you could look up a picture of a car and use that. If the line mentions “silence” then perhaps you could find some picture that you feel expresses “silence.” If you can't find the exact picture that you want, then you can go to the news paper or magazines to find it, or you can draw it yourself.

4) Do this for each line of your poem. You can find more than one picture per line, but try not to do any more than two per line.

5) Once you've gotten all of the pictures that you want, take and make a collage with them on a separate sheet of paper. Put them in the same format of your poem – remember, you're telling a free verse poem with pictures, not with words.

6) Congratulations! You're finished – make sure that you put it in the poetry notebook so it can be turned in at the end of the unit!