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- Please select an appropriate poem
  - You must introduce your poem *(see introduction slide)*
- You will have 2-3 minutes to deliver
- Please refer to the following Internet sources on how to read a poem:
  - http://www.loc.gov/poetry/180/p180-howtoread.html
  - http://www.poets.org
When Reading Your Poem be sure to include the following...

- **Introduction includes:**
  - Historical background of the author
  - When the poem was written
  - Why the poem was written
  - Please cite all sources and not with quote hand gestures
Body includes…

- **Reading of the Poem with drama**
  - Read it once aloud and pay close attention to the rhythms, sounds, words and story
  - Read it again with attention to lines and stanzas
    - If there are words that you can’t pronounce, look them up
- Note both the external and internal rhymes
- Look at the poem again with attention to the images, figurative language that is being used, words that have obvious or exaggerated meaning, and/or words that might have different connotations
- Read it again as if you are reading it the first time without thinking but listening
Use vocal variety
Watch your rate of delivery
Enunciate words correctly
Use gestures naturally
Conclusion includes…

- **End in a dynamic way**
  - Look up and sit down
  - Don’t ask for questions, it’s not necessary!
  - Please do not try to introduce any new information
  - Don’t end your speech with “That’s all or That’s it!”