

POETRY ANTHOLOGY

1. Selecting Poems for Your Poetry Journal

As part of your poetry journal, I would like for you to explore poems located in either of your two textbooks, *The Norton Introduction to Poetry* or *Structure & Surprise*, and at the following websites posted to **Web Links** on our homepage.

http://www.wwnorton.com/college/english/nap/Poetry_Workshop.htm

<http://www.poets.org>

<http://wordswithoutborders.org>

You should select one poem that you find compelling, then type it up, and introduce it with a paragraph about why you chose this particular poem. Two students each week will be asked to share their poems with the class.

2. Your Favorite Poem Anthology

For this assignment, you will develop a mini-anthology of your favorite poems. You are asked to:

- 1) Using the sources indicated above, select **a minimum of 7** of your favorite poems from any language or culture. These should be poems that you genuinely admire and find moving. If you choose a poem in a language other than English, please provide an English translation of the poem;
- 2) Write out each poem by hand, or re-type it with your own hands (on any type of paper you like.) Do not Xerox or cut and paste from an electronic web document. The idea is that you make the poem your own in the process of writing or typing it, feeling each word and line break in your hands;
- 3) Preface each poem with a paragraph of three to four sentences discussing where you found the particular poem and why you chose it. Please write in complete sentences;
- 4) Provide a table of contents which lists each poem, its author's full name, and the page number(s) where it appears in your anthology;
- 5) Staple and include the anthology in your poetry journal. You will submit your journal for instructor review at the end of 12th week of classes. The poetry journal is worth 10% of your final grade.