

ENG 2003: Introduction to Poetry
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Blog Post #1: Poetry In Motion—due on Open Lab by Mon, Oct 29 at 10 am

Assignment: Take a photo of a poem from the Poetry in Motion series in a New York City subway car and write a 200 word blog post about the poem. For this post, you will analyze both the poem and the way it is presented visually.

Here are some questions to help you write a focused post. You don't need to answer all of these questions, but a strong post will respond to many of them.

Identify the title and author of the poem and what subway line you found it in.

What's your initial reaction to reading the poem?

Consider the visual art that accompanies the poem—describe it and analyze it: shapes, colors, etc.

Why do you think this particular poem was chosen for subway riders to read?

Who is the speaker? What is the subject of the poem?

What themes does the poem explore?

Do you think this poem is accessible or not for general readers? Why or why not?

What are some questions that you have about the poem?

For this blog post, you must upload your photo of the poem to our Open Lab site. Here are instructions for how to upload a photo to a blog post.

<https://openlab.citytech.cuny.edu/blog/help/adding-images-to-your-site/>

Please title your Post, **Poetry in Motion—Title of Poem and Author** and choose **Blog Post #1** as a category when you post.

If you do not take the subway or do not have access to a smartphone, please see me and I will provide an alternate way for you to complete Blog Post #1.

Commenting on Posts: You are required to comment on one other student's Blog Post #1.

Comments should be about 100 words and respond to the student writer. Commenting shouldn't just be "I agree" or "Good point." These might be the start of a comment, but you should use the comment to offer a counterpoint, to bring together different ideas, or to direct us to a particular point the blogger didn't include. Comments should be approximately 100-150 words. If you want to add additional comments that are shorter, feel free to, but these will not count towards your 3 required comments for the semester.

Comments should:

- Be approximately 100-150 words
- Reflect on the points made in the original post
- Connect the post with other ideas or passages in the poem
- Add to the observations of the poem or artwork