

ENG 2003: Introduction to Poetry
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Blog Post #2—Must be posted by Wed, Nov 26 at midnight
(although most likely you will be writing this post earlier—read the directions carefully).

Assignment: Write a blog post of about 200 words in which you research and summarize one specific aspect of the biography/career of one of the poets we are reading during the second half of the semester

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 a few of them:

- What is one aspect of the poet's life (childhood, education, travel, family life, teaching, death, fame) that a new reader of this poet might find of interest? Describe what you learned, from what source, and why you think it matters.
- If you read or watch an interview with the poet, how does the poet describe his or her own work?
- What are the poet's most famous works, according to your research? Why is that poem or book of poems famous?
- Has this poet published other types of writing besides poetry? Give a few examples.
- What do fans of this poet like most about him or her? Why?
- What website or websites you used to do your research? *Give credit to the sources you use by citing using MLA style.*
- If you look at this poet's website, what stands out? For example, what kinds of awards has the poet won?

Important: *Aim to post your research before the date we discuss this poet in class. If you post your research after we've discussed a poet in class, then in your post you might talk about how this research connects or enhances your knowledge of the poems we studied.*

Here are two poetry websites that are very authoritative:

www.poetryfoundation.org (Poetry Foundation website)

www.poets.org (Academy of American Poets website)

Please entitle your blog post, My research on [name of poet], for example, My Research on Sylvia Plath

Author Choices for Blog Post #2

Margaret Atwood
Alicia Ostriker
Sylvia Plath
Anne Sexton
Walt Whitman
Langston Hughes
Nancy Miller
Andrew Grace
Julia Alvarez
Pedro Pietri
Franny Choi
Elizabeth Acevedo

Remember:

You are required to comment on at least one other student's Blog Post #2—Comments should be about 100 words and respond to the student writer. See your handout on Guidelines for Open Lab Graded Work for details.