

## Turning leaves, sharing experiences

You are a season away from leaving this place. Soon you will take the ceremonial walk and that will be that. It will be a bitter/sweet day for me as you leave and go onward to your new life. So, I am going to ask you to make a connection with the class and share your poetry experience.

The task:

*“A vision without a task is but a dream, a task without a vision is drudgery, a vision and a task is the hope of the world.”*

You are to select one poem from your reading or from any of the poets that we have read. You are to frame it all pretty-like but in this frame we need to understand how you have shared this experience with the poem. You are to present the poem by first reading it to the class (refer to the text on how to read a poem), then by speaking academically about the poem, and finally speaking about your experience and connection to the poem, sharing a little of yourself with the rest of this wonderful class, perhaps for the last time.

Your grade (that’s what it is all about!)

25 points for a poem of literary merit

25 points for the framing of the poem

50 points for the presentation

We will begin our presentations Monday March 27<sup>th</sup> and continue to shine for our camera crew Wednesday March 29<sup>th</sup>.

Ah, now go experience a poem and begin your vision and your task