

# English 12 Unit Outline

## Poetry

This unit we will be exploring poetry and how we construct meaning through poetry. The unit will be run similar to a post-secondary seminar; because many post-secondary seminars are often student-directed, this means that you will be expected to arrive to class on time, prepared and ready to have discussions with your peers.

The unit will span the course of 4 weeks. By the end of this unit, you will be better prepared for the grade 12 English provincial examination and any subsequent post-secondary English poetry and composition classes; have stronger critical and creative thinking skills in how to construct meaning through poetry and how poetry constructs meaning to broader personal and social issues. I have outlined the following unit goals to help us get to this stage:

### Unit Goals & Objectives

1. Strengthen analytical skills for poetry by identifying different poetic devices and their uses in a variety of poems.
2. Explore how poetic devices and prose can deepen our understanding of poetry by encouraging student thought and creativity in writing.
3. Strengthen presentation and critical thinking skills through a research and poetry analysis presentation assignment.

There is one assignment for this unit and that is to present a poem to the rest of the class. More details will be given about this in another handout.

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