Unit 2: Poetry

**Rationale:** Poetry uses the common currency of our daily speech. It uses words that are known to all of us, but in a sequence and order that surprises us out of our normal speech rhythms and linear thought processes. Its effect is to illuminate our lives and breathe new life, new seeing, new tasting into the world we thought we knew.

**Why is this important for your life?**  We are constantly consuming information. Throughout this unit, you will be consuming information via poetry. When we become mindful about what we are consuming, we understand ourselves and the world better. You will be analyzing words within a poem to understand its meaning. When you read a text or even a job application, you have to do the same thing. You will be reciting a poem in front of people. When you are working, you will have to speak to both large and small groups. Communicating well is a necessary life skill.

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| **Note: You need to check the blog DAILY. Not all assignments are on the list below. All plans are subject to change.** | | |
| **Assignment Name/Type** | **Due Date** | **Point Total** |
| Blackout Poetry | September 5th | 5 points |
| Song TP-CASTT | September 6th | 15 points |
| Two poems printed for POL | September 7th | 5 points |
| Rotten Poem | September 7th (in class) | 5 points |
| Color Poem | September 11th (must be typed) | 10 points |
| CEI | September 11th | 20 points |
| I Remember Poem | September 12th (must be typed) | 10 points |
| Poetry Out Loud Presentation | September 17th and 18th | 30 points |
| TP-CASTT with selected POL Poem | September 17th | 70 points |
|  |  | Total Points: 170 points |