

## Write Like William Blake

It's time to write poetry! Here is your task:

- 1) Write 2 poems (at least four stanzas of four lines in rhyming couplets for each poem)
  - The stanza length is negotiable, but must be cleared with me.
  - a) A poem of **innocence** (50 points)
  - b) A poem of **experience** (50 points)
- 2) Like Blake, illustrate both poems, framing your words with visual representations.



TOTAL: 100 points

## SCORING RUBRIC / CHECKLIST

### A Poem of Innocence:

- Has an optimistic tone
- Refers to child-like naivete
- Includes symbols of purity (e.g., the lamb, the color white, etc.)
- Ends on a positive note (but doesn't necessarily start there)

\_\_\_\_/50 points

### A Poem of Experience:

- Has a jaded, pessimistic tone
- Refers to the brutality of life
- Includes symbols of brutality or corruption (e.g., the tyger, the color black, coffins, etc.)
- Questions life in an unforgiving way

\_\_\_\_/50 points

### Illustrations:

- Frame the poem
- Provide a visual representation of the poem's content or mood
- Color choice is appropriate
- Clear and concerted effort made / artwork is complete

TOTAL: \_\_\_\_/100 points