Poetry Recitation

**Students will be able to…**

* Select a poem from suggested authors
* Apply the TPCASTT to analyze poem
* Begin memorization of the poem using specific suggested strategies (noted below)
* Perform a meaningful recitation of the poem to illustrate understanding, connection, and analysis

According to the national organization, Poetry Out Loud, they suggest that “by memorizing and reciting, students internalize the author’s message and further explore phrases and lines they could not master initially (2013).

**Memorization tips for students:**

* Selection of a poem is crucial. Select a poem that you have a connection to.
* Rewrite your poem by hand several times. Each time, try to write more and more of it from memory.
* Read your poem aloud before going to sleep at night, and repeat it when you wake up.
* Carry around a copy of your poem. You’ll find several moments throughout the day to reread or recite it.
* Practice your poem by saying it to family and friends.

**Elements of a successful recitation:**

* Use sufficient volume
* Use appropriate speed with the proper pauses
* Implement intonation or voice inflection
* Make sure to possess evidence of understanding
* Use correct pronunciation
* Make eye contact with the audience