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Final Project

When thinking about what I could do to so show that I actually learned something from this class, I had an idea. Why don't I show it in a way, a way that I have always expressed myself? Poetry is a way that I think is the best way to express this class because the actual definition of Mosaic is "A picture or pattern produced by arranging small colored pieces of material" (Dictionary.com) and poetry lets our imagination paint a picture in our minds that cannot be removed easily. Each unit will be expressed in poetry and then a brief explanation will be given about the poem itself. All poems are words from my mind.

Unit 1: Letter from Birmingham Jail. Poem is below

A Leader

A leader
 Who stood for his people,
 When the odds were against them.
 A leader that risked so much to free his people,
 Didn't give in to the face of evil.
 Violence wasn't the answer as you had stated,
 Peace was illustrated,
 As you waited;
 Waited for a time where your people were not hated,
 By the white "supreme" race that wrongfully dominated.
 You showed no fear as you embarked on a march,
 Through the streets and alleys as they all watched,
 Jaws dropped,
 Eyes popped,
 As this leader and his people flocked,
 Flocked the streets to show unity.
 As this separation had ended, truthfully.
 A speech was given, as a dream had arose;
 To stop this madness, it was the time to grow.
 You were the face of a movement that shocked the world,
 A movement so strong that evil had to disperse,
 It was time to come together as love had immersed.
 Through the land of America and all the nations,
 Love was here, as it made reservations.
 This leader was a hero, as he showed it through freedom
 Freedom today
 Freedom forever
 Freedom never dies
 Never,

Ever.

Explanation: The leader I am talking about is Martin Luther King Jr., who at the time of the civil rights movement was the voice of his people. He went to jail numerous times where he wrote "Letter From Birmingham Jail", and was also assassinated for his people. Also due to Martin Luther King Jr, they didn't show any violence outbreaks as they showed non-violent movement acts. The March itself was the March on Washington that took place in 1963, where he made his famous "I Have a Dream". After the speech, the white Americans did show him and his people support as they all came together after. The whole movement changed the minds of all Americans and many nations who saw this segregation as a cry for help. Freedom for all people who aren't white happened because of Martin Luther King Jr.

Unit 2: Iliad. Poem is below

Allies

Give Her Back!
Give her Back!

As he agrees for an exchange,
One for another as he rearranged.
Asks Achilles to give up his wonderful prize,
As he refuses angrily and goes and hides.
Plotting a plan to see his ally dead,
As he asks his mother to enlist Zeus toward his end.
As he sees his friends losing with gore,
He fakes a double and sends him to war,
But as Hector defeats him in a few seconds,
Achilles goes and gets armor from an old legend.
Outraged and angered he kills tricked Hector,
For nine straight days, he drags the body around fake duplicate vector.
The gods mad, asked for a proper burial,
As Achilles agrees to give back Hector,
He received a hero's funeral,
Hector, the protector.

Explanation: This story for me was very hard for me to understand so this poem is a summary of the Iliad which helped me understand it. "Give Her Back! Give Her Back!" is what Chryseis's father is saying to Agamemnon, as he agrees but only if he gets to keep Briseis, but that was Achilles's prize. "As he refuses angrily and goes and hides. Plotting a plan to see his ally dead, as he asks his mother to enlist Zeus toward his end". This is where Achilles gets mad and he tells his mother, Thetis, to get Zeus on the Trojans side. Achilles sees his friends are losing so he sends a duplicate of himself to war but Hector, on the Trojan side, kills the duplicate Achilles. Angered, Achilles goes and receives armor from God Hephaestus. Achilles kills the fooled Hector, who thought he has killed the man standing in front of him. After the killing, Achilles drags the body of Hector for nine days around the burial of the duplicate Achilles. The Gods then told Achilles that he had to return the body for a proper burial, as he did. I did a summarized

poem because it helped me learn more about the unit. So the essential question is answered for this unit, what have I learned.

Unit 3: Transition. Poem is below

Similarities

O' America. O' America,
Land of the Military,
Land of Violence.
Land of War,
Untamed, Untamed.

O' Ares O' Ares,
God of Military,
God of Violence.
God of War,
Untamed, Untamed.

America wears a golden helmet as it helps the ones in need,
Ares wears a golden helmet as he helps the ones in need.
Rampart of Olympos, Declaration of Independence.
Both stand tall,
Both Fight to Win.

Explanation: For the Transition unit, we were asked to pick a God and a place and see the similarities and differences. I chose America and Ares. These two go hand in hand since both are war-hardened. America has one of the best militaries out there and Ares is the God of War, so he would be in charge of the US Military if that could have happened. One of Ares's personal traits is that he is violent, because he is "untamed", always facing humiliation. Likewise, America is typically named as violent since we also step in any war that is happening and usually make it worse. We also get humiliation as George W. Bush got sandals thrown at him when he was the United States President. However, we do help people when they are in need, so we credit for that. Ares is known as the "Rampart of Olympos" since he defends other Gods and Goddesses. The Declaration of Independence likewise protected the people of America against Great Britain, claiming no part of the British Empire.

Unit 4: Utopia. Poem is below

Utopia minus the Freedom

Topos,
Ou.
Place;
No.
Definition of Utopia as stated.
A place that cannot be located,
Even if we ripped the earth and the sky evaporated.

No place of this kind would be demonstrated,
 It's just an imagination that our minds illustrated,
 Keeping all the things we hate isolated,
 From this fake freedom that is generated;
 Because Utopia is Freedom, they advocated,
 Which is a lie that cannot be eliminated,
 From our minds...
 Utopia is not Freedom;
 Freedom is nowhere.

Explanation: The poem starts off with the two Greek words that define the word Utopia. Then the English definition. What it is trying to say is that, Utopia is nowhere; it is a perfect place that just does not exist. You can rip the whole world apart and will not be able to find this place called Utopia. Freedom isn't Utopia because in the book, Sir Thomas More, stated that marriage is punished when women marry under the age of 18 and men marry under the age of 22. Utopia is supposed to mean freedom, then why cannot people marry when they want too. Freedom is nowhere also unless you live somewhere where the government, politics and people have no effect on you. This is why true freedom does not exist. Utopia is not freedom.

Unit 5: Botany of Desire. Poem is below

Objects

Life is a plant,
 That meets the need of many.
 Some are personal, some are social, and some are needed
 To live life.
 Sweetness, beauty, intoxication and control,
 4 objects that we need;
 We the plant,
 We the human,
 Anything else is not desirable.

Explanation: This is a short poem that hits all the things we wrote about in the blogs. Michael Pollan uses four objects that are needed for humans. Number one is beauty; woman today only care about what they look like in the mirror. Some think they are too fat, some think they are too ugly. The chapter on the tulip is what started this beauty object. It reminds us that true beauty is hidden underneath. Intoxication is the next object. Marijuana is what comes to mind. Having marijuana is mad risky but people still obtain it. It shows how important it is for people to have this plant in their daily life. He is trying to say that the plant acts like a bridge between a person's consciousness and spirit, and when a person has done marijuana, the person will lose their consciousness and spirit. Next object is sweetness; this is where the apple plays a major role. Apples are usually sweet, this is why apples are used for apple cider; they are also a great source for sugar making the apple very popular among animals and humans. Lastly, control. A potato is used for control since many years ago; a virus attack on the potatoes caused many people to die since potatoes were the main source of food back then. People now can control the virus on the potatoes showing how control is always needed.

Unit 6: Humans and Nature. Poem is below

Nature with Humans

Nature is everything we see, feel, and touch
 Everything from animals and plants but,
 We are not nature as people may have thought
 As we cut down nature, that's what we have been taught.
 We were born in a lab,
 Without nurture and care
 As we destroy ecosystems without any scare,
 As this could happen to us without being aware.
 We cover ourselves with unnatural clothes
 Clothes that were ripped off of animals that we killed
 Do you still consider yourself nature?
 You cannot
 You and I are killers, killers that killed nature.
 We are killing nature to let our race live in peace
 Disturbing other animal's habitat, call the police;
 As we should be arrested for what we have done.
 Nothing can be changed
 Nothing

Explanation: Nature is everything that is around us, from the grass to the bugs, that is all nature. We cannot call ourselves apart of nature because we destroy nature with cutting down trees and disturbing ecosystems of millions of animals. Also according to the Bible, God made Adam and Eve, that's it; everything else was beneath them, nature was beneath them. The part about the lab is true too because due to the sciences, people can now make babies in little dishes in labs. We sometimes don't even care for our children as we are too busy being materialist. Humans are a race of people who will only strive if it kills another, since nature is the only thing to destroy, we will have to destroy nature to strive. This is why we are not a part of nature.

Unit 7: Jane Jacobs. Poem is below

Philadelphia

First city I lived in,
 As it showed me so much.
 Things I wouldn't have seen anywhere at all,
 The smell of Philly cheesesteak at a game of baseball.
 Living in the city that is filled with pride,
 Walking it off, as the statue of Rocky shines.
 So much to do, so much to see,
 Liberty Bell rang, as it was recorded in history.
 Vendors selling food as they talk with an accent,
 Philadelphia is my home
 As it will be forever

Explanation: Philadelphia is the first city that I have ever lived in so I have experienced many things while living here. One thing I admire about the city is the food! Philadelphia has really good food on a regular basis with all the strategic placed vendors. My personal favorite would have to be the Halal trucks since their white sauce is amazing! In all Philadelphia is a place where I have lived and I will never forget it.

Unit 8: Afterview

Together this class has taught me a lot, taught me how to blog, taught me how to essentially write a blog. The units covered in this class were challenging and very interesting. The way I chose to express myself to answer that question “What Have I Learned?” can be seen through my poems. I truly enjoyed this class. Hope you have a great time reading these poems as I had writing them!