

Poetry exercise:

INSTRUCTIONS:

A. Read the poem "The Keys of the Kingdom" and answer the questions below. Place your answers on loose leaf and have them ready for tomorrow's class.

1. Allusions are references to well-known events and people. Find 3 allusions in the poem and explain who/what each is.
2. Find 2 metaphors and explain what is being compared to what and why.
3. Is this poem free or blank verse? Explain.
4. What are 3 adjectives which describe the speaker's view of childhood? Support with a quote for each.

B. Writing about your childhood. Think about a time when you were a child, and an adventure or event which involved imagination.

Write either a paragraph or a poem about that event. In your paragraph or poem include at least 1 simile, 1 metaphor, 1 example of personification and one alliteration.

Suggested length for paragraph: At least 200 words.

Suggested length for poem: at least 24 lines.

NOTE: This writing assignment in rough draft form is due by Wednesday.

NOTE #2: If you choose to write poetry, you can use the poem from today as a model and write your own version. Below is a sample of what I mean.

In this world
My sister and I held our castles
Made of hay bales
Against marauding bands of brothers
Armed with willows and bamboo
And armor made from junk
Behind the barn.

