

Dialectic Literature Assignment for Co-op 11

Although we discussed multiple authors in class, this assignment focuses on poetry by Maya Angelou. Please answer questions 1-11 and then select one option from A-D.

“Life Doesn’t Frighten Me”

1. How many stanzas are in this poem?
2. What is the rhyme scheme of the first two stanzas?
3. Is the rhyme scheme the same for each stanza?
4. Where do you see repetition in this poem?

“Human Family”

6. There are many examples of alliteration in this poem. List at least three examples.
7. Where does repetition appear in this poem?

“Caged Bird”

8. How many stanzas are in this poem?
9. How many lines are in each stanza?
10. What is the rhyme scheme of the first two stanzas?
11. This poem is a metaphor, but it is up to the reader to interpret the metaphor. Given what you know about the civil rights movement, if this isn’t a poem about birds, what is this poem about?

Select one of the following assignments

- A. Find a poem by Maya Angelou or Hughes Langston to read to the class (2 minute max). Be prepared to tell the class why you selected that poem.
- B. Memorize a poem to recite in class
- C. If you like to draw, illustrate one of the three poems listed above
- D. If you enjoy writing poetry, write a poem to be submitted with your work. I may read the poem aloud in class if time permits.