ENG 106: Week One

READ: PREFACE: pages xxv-xxviii and CHAPTER ONE: Reading a Poem pages 5-20

Please read the assigned chapter (both the discussion and all poems). Then, devote special attention to the poems listed below. I've also collected the terms that you'll need to understand for our reading and analysis. This is the beginning of our poetic “common vocabulary.”

Poems for discussion

- The Lake Isle of Innisfree, by William Butler Yeats, p 7
- Aunt Jennifer’s Tigers, by Adrienne Rich, p 11
- Recalling “Aunt Jennifer’s Tigers” p 18
- “Out, Out –” by Robert Frost, p 14
- My Last Duchess, by Robert Browning, p 15-17
- On Robert Browning’s “My Last Duchess” by Robert Langbaum, p 632

Chapter One Vocabulary

- Paraphrase/summary
- Verse
- Lyric Poetry
- Narrative Poetry
- Dramatic Poetry
- Dramatic Monologue

Weekly Writing: Choose one (or two) poem(s) from this chapter or from Poems for Further Reading (pages 422-550) and write a concise, accurate paraphrase of the poem. Try to include the most vital points and details and try to state the poem’s main thought or theme. Be as specific as possible, but explain the poem in your own words without quoting any original passages. Then write about what you think you lost in the translation.