

*Canadian  
Poets  
Research  
Project*



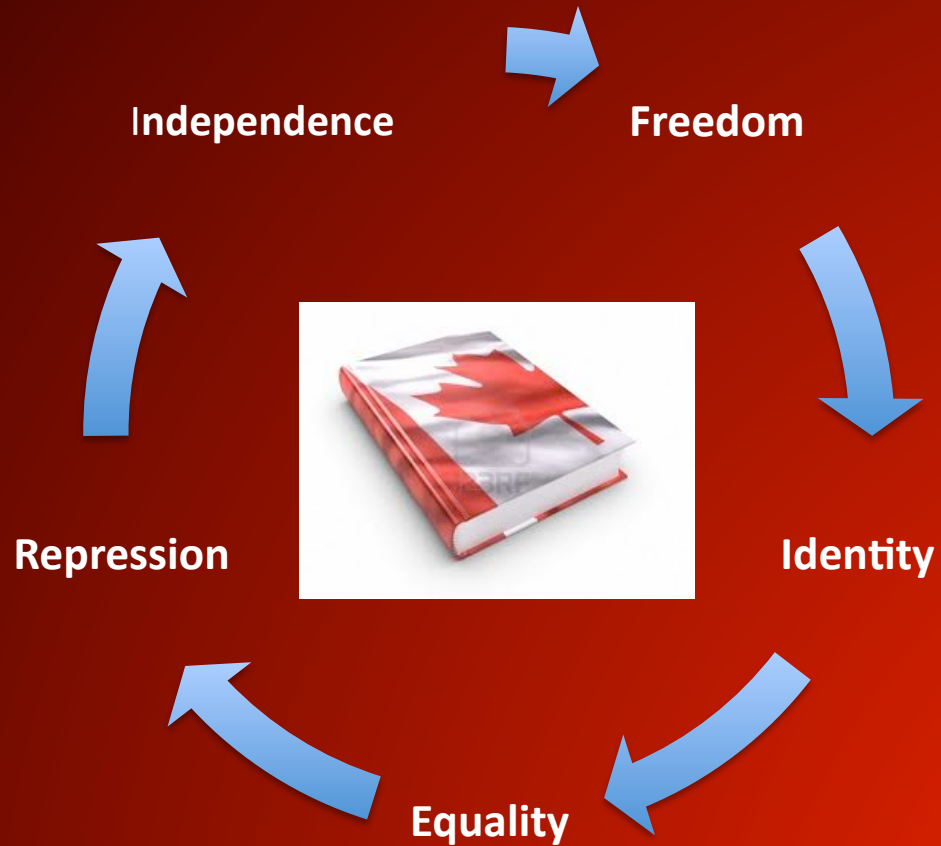
# Project Snapshot

- Grades: 20/30 or AP/IB Secondary
- Research-based project
- Critical Thinking and Presentation Skills:  
Research → Analysis → Visual Representation  
→ Oral Presentation → Reflection

# Project Goals:

1. Students will glean an appreciation for Canadian poets and topics of repression, independence, equality, freedom and identity.
2. Students will analyze, compare and contrast central themes and uses of figurative language in female Canadian poetry selections.
3. Students will use research skills to analyze female Canadian poets.

# *Focused Themes*



# Project Process

## Research

- Using the website resource, students will research Canadian poets
- Reading and selecting two or three Canadian Poems

## Analysis

- Analyzing poems with a focus on specified themes
- Writing a compare/contrast essay + Creating a Visual Prezi Presentation analyzing the poems using excerpts, images

## Presentation

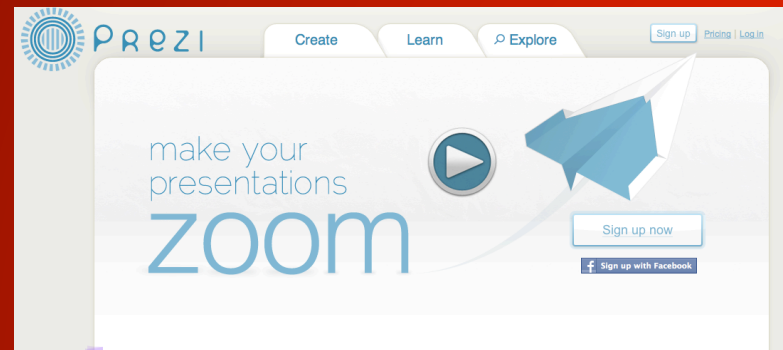
- 3-5 minute presentation of poem analysis
- Written essay submitted for feedback; revision permitted for second submission; peer feedback from presentation

# Research

- Step 1 – Students consult the “starting point” websites (see end of document)
- Step 2 – Students browse information and resources on selected Canadian poets and select two or three poems to focus their research on
- Step 3 – Students consult additional supplementary resources/links based around their selected poets’ poems
- Step 4 – Students identify and obtain key research information required for the essay/presentation

# Analysis

- Step 1 – Students will analyze their selected poems
- Step 2 – Students identify motifs/parallel themes in poems; compare/contrast; map out essay
- Step 3 – Students write research essay
- Step 4 – Students create a visual complementary Prezi for their essay to share with the class
  - LINK: [www.prezi.com](http://www.prezi.com)



# Presentation

- **Step 1**
  - a) Students Introduce their topic and authors by providing: biographical information; poem information/significance; theme identification; excerpt quotation analysis; personal favourites
  - b) Students navigate through the Prezi presentation
- **Step 2** – Students respond to questions regarding their presentation
- **Step 3** – Students receive peer feedback and complete a personal reflection based on their thoughts of the overall presentation





# Reflection

- What went well in the presentation? What would you revise for next time? (2-3 paragraph response)
- Additional Notes: All research should be referenced and cited using proper MLA format. Visit <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/> for more information.



# Assignment Checklist

Canadian Theme 	Prezi / Essay 
Poetry selections are from a Canadian Poet	Prezi is visually compelling and relates to the essay research
Poetry analysis identifies connections to Canadian identity in some way	Prezi and essay compare/contrast two or more selected poems (Canadian content)
Poetry analysis identifies the significance of Canadian contributions to poetry in some way	Prezi and essay illustrate the importance of recognizing Canadian poets
	Prezi is professionally presented
	Essay is professional – free of errors – and edited

# Website Resources

*Famous Poets and Poems! .com*

[http://famouspoetsandpoems.com/country/Canada/Canadian\\_poets.html](http://famouspoetsandpoems.com/country/Canada/Canadian_poets.html)

## List of Canadian poets

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From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_Canadian\\_poets](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Canadian_poets)

# “Starting Point” Website Addresses

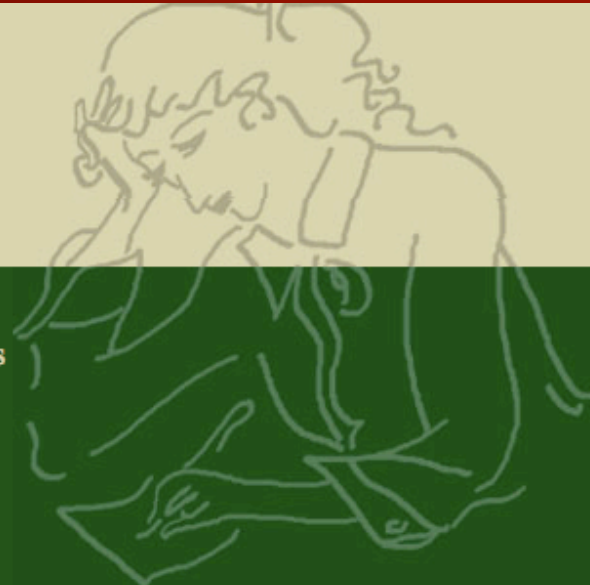
## Canadian Poetry Websites: Poems, Poets and History

- 1) [http://famouspoetsandpoems.com/country/Canada/Canadian\\_poets.html](http://famouspoetsandpoems.com/country/Canada/Canadian_poets.html)
- 2) <http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.com/articles/poetry-in-english>
- 3) [http://www.poetrysoup.com/famous\\_poets/nationality/Canadian](http://www.poetrysoup.com/famous_poets/nationality/Canadian)
- 4) <http://www.brocku.ca/canadianwomenpoets/>

# Website Resource

## Canadian Women Poets

Welcome to *Canadian Women Poets*, a research website dedicated to documenting titles of the primary work of, and secondary work about, Canada's best female poets. Each of the poets included on this site is featured on her own page, which lists primary work and criticism, and when possible, includes biographical details and honours the poet has been awarded. As this is a work in progress, we would appreciate notification of errors or omissions. Please email us at [cwp@brocku.ca](mailto:cwp@brocku.ca) with questions or comments.



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The Canadian Women Poets website is co-owned and maintained by Marilyn Rose and Erica Kelly, and is intended for the use of individual researchers.

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