

Tone Word Vocabulary Assignment

Guess what. You only have one – that’s right, ONE – vocabulary word this week. I’ll be giving you your word during class on Monday. Each of you will have a different word, but all of them are words a reader might use to describe the tone of a poem, play, short story, essay, or novel.

Only one word? That’s great! But I bet there’s a catch, huh?

Eh. Sort of. You have to make a poster for your word. But you don’t have to use paper. You’ve got that fancy new iPad, so why don’t you use it for something school-related? If you haven’t already downloaded an app that’ll let you do some basic graphic design, now would be a good time to do it. Go on, I’ll wait.

Okay, now that you have an app for that, here’s what your poster needs to have on it, along with how many points each element is worth:

- The Word (featured prominently) – 10 points
- Definition(s) – 10 points
- Etymology – 10 points
- An *original* sentence using the word with enough context to reveal its meaning – 15 points
- A picture that illustrates the word’s meaning – 15 points
- MLA documentation showing where you got the definition and etymology – 25 points

But that doesn’t add up to 100 points!

Ah, nice use of those math skills, my young Padawan learner. You’re right. I’ll award the final 15 points for aesthetics (that means how pleasing to the eye your poster is).

I didn’t get an iPad. Do I have to do this on my phone?

No. If you didn’t get an iPad, or just haven’t gotten yet, you can do your poster on paper. Just don’t use plain white paper. How boring! If you need colored paper I have some construction paper.

What do I do when I’m finished?

When you’re finished you can upload your finished assignment to Edmodo and turn it in. I think. If there’s some kind of glitch in that system, e-mail it to me at steve.e.wedel@westernheights.k12.ok.us. If you do it on paper, just put it in the box like any other finished assignment.

When is this due?

On Friday, just as if it was this week’s vocabulary test. Yes, it is a test grade. It’s due at the beginning of your class period. I will be showing your work on the overhead so your classmates can learn about the word you’ve been working with all week. This project WILL NOT be accepted late for any reason.

What if I don’t know how to do the MLA citation for my reference source?

Well, if you use www.dictionary.com the site provides a link that says CITE on the left hand side of the page. Click it, then cut and paste the MLA version of the citation. Otherwise, use the MLA citation guide I’ve put in your classes General folder on Edmodo.

I just don’t get it. Can you give me an example?

Yeah, I suppose, although it was a lot of unnecessary work for me. Look at the next page.

HARMLESS

Definition

- 1: without the power or desire to do harm; innocuous
- 2: without injury; unhurt; unharmed

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ETYMOLOGY

Middle English

Mrs. Mize has a pit bull dog named Walker that is really big and strong with a scary bark, but he is actually harmless unless you do not like to be licked.



"harmless." Dictionary.com Unabridged. Random House, Inc. 19 Oct. 2014.

<Dictionary.com <http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/harmless>>.