



Ekphrastic Poems: information and tools.

Description:

Art and Literature are bound together in several ways. Many works of art have inspired literature, and in turn works of literature have inspired art. Together art and literature have simultaneously represented similar movements. This workshop is designed to explore how poetry can come to life in spontaneous visual expression “ and how visual art and themes arises through the inspiration of poetry. Participants will be asked to spontaneously draw or paint their impressions inspired by a poem poetry that will be read in this workshop. Visual expression could include images, shapes or colours.

In this setting, generating ideas is the most ideal way to inspire new artworks.

Materials:

Sketch pad 11” x 14” recommended.

Tools: Pens or pencils or crayons or similar or watercolours.

OR digital apps using an IPad with a drawing / painting program and (digital pen recommended)

Apps such as ‘ArtStudio or Procreate’ or similar are acceptable.

Digital drawing programs can be found in the App Store.

Format:

1. Bring and read a different and favourite poem each week.

No more than 200 words.

2. Create quick and spontaneous sketches inspired by the poem just read.

3. A new participant is invited to read a favourite poem in each class. Students and instructor alike will create spontaneous art (5 minute time line inspired by the poem read).

4. Class participation and discussions to follow.

5. Sketches are then used to build, elaborate and create new artwork.