

Homework Week 31

- 1) Revise your research paper, looking closely at the suggestions I've made. **Note: you do NOT have to write out the rules from the code sheet. You'll just make corrections in your paper.** Make sure you have a good title and a Works Cited Page.
- 2) Poetry: Read Gerard Manley Hopkins' poem, "Pied Beauty," where he writes in praise of God for things that are pied (having patches of two or more colors). Then consider a characteristic found in nature that pleases you, and write a poem starting "Glory be to God..." or "Praise be to God..." naming *and* describing the many things you find with that characteristic.

Pied Beauty

Glory be to God for dappled things –
For skies of couple-colour as a brindled cow;
For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim;
Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches' wings;
Landscape plotted and pieced – fold, fallow, and plough;
And áll trádes, their gear and tackle and trim.

All things counter, original, spare, strange;
Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows how?)
With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle, dim;
He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change:
Praise him.

Here's an excellent example a student wrote a couple of years ago:

Praise be to God for sneaky concealments:
For the Leaf-tailed gecko that hides among the branches;
For the Ghost mantis that screens itself with the leaves;
Tulip-tree beauty moths; Brown vine snakes;
Plants mottled and clear; brown, green, and blue;
And all mossy lichen, red fish, and three-toed sloths.

All things spotty, lined, and straight;
Blending in to not be bait (or the other way round, the sand catches *you*)

With smooth, rough; slim, fat; dark and light
When looking for beauty, the things that are not seen are better for sight;
Praise Him.

- 3) Vocabulary:
Peremptory—putting an end to all debate or action
Precursors—forerunners or predecessor
Reprobate—a person without moral scruples
Seething—filled with intense but unexpressed anger
Semblance—the outward appearance or apparent form or something, esp. when reality is different
- 4) **Study for the vocabulary test.**