**DARK ROMANTICS FOUND POEM ASSIGNMENT**

A “found poem” is a poem that you create using the words of other authors. You collect others’ words from literature, cut what is unnecessary, and arrange them in an effective manner in order to create your own poem with your own message. This is what you’ll be doing for the Dark Romantics.

Requirements for your found poem:

* Your goal: use the words of the Dark Romantics to show the dark side of life/humanity.
* Need a minimum of 15 quotes used from our Dark Romantic literature
* You need at minimum 3 quotes from each author. For Poe, you must use quotes from more than one text.
* 20% or less of the poem should be words that you add.
* Must arrange the quotes poetically. Part of your grade is making your arrangement of quotes into an aesthetically pleasing, coherent, poetic whole. It should fit together as a poem, flow well, and make sense together. It should have clear lines and stanzas. Choose line beginnings and endings carefully for effect. Arrangement matters.
* Include in a separate paper stapled to your poem:
  + A list of the quotes you used, organized by author. For your Poe quotes, label also the text from which you’ve taken them.
  + Approximately a half page commentary on why you did what you did. Explain your poem, your poetic strategies, your authorial decisions, and the affects you hope to create.

You may work with a partner.

50 points