

To prepare you for your studies as seniors in the IB English program, you must complete the following tasks. You will read poems by the current United States Poet Laureate **Joy Harjo**, a member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

First, go to <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/joy-harjo>

At that site you should begin by reading her brief biography. You will also find a small selection of her body of work. Make sure that you are focusing on her poetry. Explore the available poems and choose 10 that you find appealing. Carefully read these 10 poems multiple times to gain a good feel for their voice, tone, and meaning. Then, for each of the poems you have selected, complete a journal response. Each journal entry, once for each of the 10 poems, should include the following:

- The title of the poem
- Your response to the poem, including emotion reaction, why you like or dislike it, and a specific quality or feature that you think makes it stand out.
- An interpretation of the poem including subject and possible meaning
- A description of a structural element (rhyming, stanza breaks, line breaks, enjambment, capitalization, rhythm, etc.) and that element's impact on the poem.
- An explanation of a figurative element (symbol, metaphor, allusion, personification, hyperbole, alliteration, etc.) and that element's impact on the poem.

How you complete this written task is up to you (hand written, typed, double-entry journal, free response, etc.) as long as all the above elements are included.

**This assignment is due to Mr. Fiallos by the second Friday of the 2022-23 school year.**