Create your own **Realism** themed poem

**Themes** (Pick one or combine more than one)

* War
* Industrialism
* Working conditions
* Rich get richer, poor get poorer
* Powerlessness
* The harsh reality of life/pessimism
* Psychological: internal mental and emotional aspects of people
* Commonplace events and settings
* Nature vs. Nurture
* Natural Selection
* Nature of reality – unknowable, uncertain, and ever-shifting

**Style**

~Language: often written in dialect so that the actual **sound** of language could be rendered

~Plain, straightforward prose

~Smaller words and shorter sentences, keep it simple and real.

**Rhyming scheme**

* ABAB, at least 3 stanzas, 4 lines each

**OR**

* AABBBCC, at least 2 stanzas, 7 lines each

**OR**

* ABCBBB, at least 2 stanzas, 6 lines each…like “The Raven”

Write your poem first and then show me. Next, create an **illustration** **with a background** that covers an entire 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper…make it colorful, meaningful, neat and fitting for your poem. Finally, rewrite the poem on top of the illustration/background. Make sure the words show up and are written **neatly**.