Social Studies Assignment
African-American History - Poetry

Directions:

1. Read all of these directions before beginning the assignment.
2. In the Social Studies section of your notebook, skip a line from the previous entry and write, “Af-Amer History - Poetry”, centered on the page, as the title for the assignment. Write the date to the right of the title.
3. Choose a poem from one of the books the teacher has in the classroom and read it or look online and find a poem written by an African-American poet that talks about the African-American experience, either past or present.
4. After you have read the poem, ask the teacher to print a copy of it for you. Trim the poem and attach it to the page in your notebook.
5. Write an explanation about what you think the poem means about the African-American experience and what we can learn from it.
6. Using the cardstock you were given in class, create a mini poster showing what you feel the poem is telling us. Your poster must include the name and author of the poem. You must fill the space, be detailed, and use color.
7. Be prepared to share your poem and poster in class.
8. After completing the assignment, re-read what you have written, making any necessary corrections or changes. This should be your BEST work.
9. Mark the date on which you completed this assignment on your work plan.
10. Turn your notebook, as well as your poster (using your purple and green folders for the poster), into your mailbox as soon as you have completed the assignment, but no later than the due date listed on your work plan.

If you are an African-American, you may choose to complete the assignment on a poem written by an African-American OR you may choose to write a poem about your own experience. If you choose to write your own poem, please see the teacher to discuss.