***Tips for Teaching Poetry* Planning Guide**

Strategies:

Strategy	How might I use?	When might I use?
Imitate great poets		
"Question the Author"		

Action Plan:

Action Step	How might I use?	When might I use?
1) *Read great poetry* – choose a poet and try to understand what speaks to you and why		
2) *Ask questions of the poet* – put yourself in the shoes of the poet you're reading and try to break apart his or her thought process		
3) *Write a poem* – try to adopt the style of the poet you've chosen, and see what the process of imitation feels like; ask yourself if it would work as a prompt for your students		

4) *Read your poem to a friend (or to your students)* – this puts you in the shoes of your students		
5) *Borrow a poetry lesson* – use a fellow teachers' or one from the internet to get started		
6) *Integrate what you know* – adapt techniques from other parts of your teaching, such as reading comprehension, into your poetry lessons		
7) *Create your own poetry lessons* – Consider using a poem you've written as a model		
8) *Share your students' poems* – Create deliberate space for celebrating and sharing student work		
9) *Share your poetry lessons* – Share them with colleagues along with student work samples		
10) *Publish*! – Consider publishing your lessons and their results in a journal or magazine		