**Poetry Explication**

*“Tell me, what is it you plan to do*

*with your one wild and precious life?”*

Mary Oliver, “The Summer Day”

Explication Essay Assignment

Write an explication of one of the following poems:

Carolyn Forche "The Colonel”

Sharon Olds "The Victims"

Sylvia Plath "Mad Girl's Love Song"

Lawrence Ferlinghetti "Constantly risking absurdity”

Mary Oliver “The Summer Day"

David Mason “Song of the Powers”

Ellen Kay “Pathedy of Manners”

Wilfred Owen “Dulce et Decorem Est”

The explication should be 2 to 3 pages typed, depending probably on the poem you choose.

You must include citations. Cite line numbers (this will require you to number lines)

MLA formatting is required.

I do not want you to do outside research with this assignment—you and your poem!

Submit to turnitin.com

**Draft and copies due** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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