Objective: Students will compose a free-style poem that persuades the reader to donate to their chosen charity by appealing to eh emotional content of their chosen cause. This poem will follow these guidelines:

Charity Checks Project Poem Rubric

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Categories	Context	Grammar	Appearance	Effort
Level 4- Above Standards	Student has written a poem that uses descriptive language appealing to the five senses (using metaphors/similes). The poem is emotionally powerful and would persuade readers to donate to the writer's chosen charity.	Student has demonstrated excellent grammar/spelling skills: there are no mistakes in this poem.	The poem is attractive, neat, typed and has the student's name, date and class.	Student demonstrated effort.
Level 3- Meeting Standards	Student has written a poem that uses descriptive language appealing to the five senses (using metaphors/similes). The poem is somewhat emotionally powerful and would persuade readers to donate to the writer's chosen charity.	Student has demonstrated some grammar/spelling skills: there are few mistakes.	The poem is attractive, neat, typed or handwritten. It has the student's name, date and class.	Student demonstrated some effort.
Level 2- Reaching Standards	Student has written a poem that uses little descriptive language. It does not appeal to the five senses (using metaphors/similes). The poem is somewhat emotionally powerful and would not persuade readers to donate to the writer's chosen charity.	Student has demonstrated fair grammar/spelling skills: there are several mistakes.	The poem is not attractive or neat. It is handwritten. It has the student's name, date and class.	Student demonstrated little effort.
Level 1-Below Standards	Student has not written a poem that uses descriptive language appealing to the five senses (using metaphors/similes). The poem Is not emotionally powerful and would not persuade readers to donate to the writer's	Student has demonstrated poor grammar/spelling skills: there are many mistakes.	The poem is not attractive and neat. It is handwritten. It does not have the student's name, date and class.	Student demonstrated no effort.