

Poetry Archive Assignment – aka Ekphrastic Poetry
Creative Writing
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- 1) Choose a photograph from an online digital archive.
- 2) Write a poem inspired by that photograph.
- 3) Make sure that you turn in the photograph with your poem, either by copying the photo and pasting it into the document with your poem or by submitting it as a separate document.

You can choose a photograph from any archive, with any subject matter.

Sample digital archives *in alphabetical order*:

- ✧ The Digital Library of the Caribbean – www.dloc.com – you can type “photographs” into the search window, or you can be more specific and also type a particular country or aspect of the
- ✧ Library of Congress (USA): <http://www.loc.gov/pictures/> This site has a range of collections, including baseball cards, posters, architectural drawings, other graphic arts, and more!
- ✧ The Digital Transgender Archive: www.digitaltransgenderarchive.net – type “photos” or “photographs” into the search window
- ✧ National Archives (USA): <https://www.archives.gov/research/alic/reference/photography> If you scroll down on this page, you’ll see links to a range of collections, including ones broken down by century and those with a focus on Native Americans, African-Americans, Japanese-Americans, and the Civil War.
- ✧ SAADA, The South Asian American Digital Archive: <https://www.saada.org> - type “photos” or “photographs” into the search window on the right