

Mementos & Metaphors – Poems of Family and Identity

Workshop by David A. Romero

\$750 for 2 hr workshop (can be shortened to an hour)

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ALL AGES

Schedule (for one session):

Presentation of riddles - 10 minutes

Reading of poems by Romero - 10 minutes

Discussion on family members and objects associated with them - 20 minutes

Student writing time - 30 minutes

Student reading time - 20 minutes

Other prompts (optional) - 30 minutes

Total time: 90 - 120 minutes (2 hrs)

Description:

In this workshop aimed at children and the elderly, participants will have fun writing poems comparing family members to some of their favorite objects.

A red apron could remind us of our mothers just as a pair of work boots could remind us of our fathers.

What can these objects tell us about our family and its consensus of race, class and gender?

Purpose:

This workshop teaches students how to think in terms of metaphor and how to write poems in tribute to members of their family.

Mementos & Metaphors has been presented at:

- Ovitt Family Community Library in Ontario, California
- Arroyo Seco Regional Library, Highland Park, California
- El Centro Cultural de Mexico in Santa Ana, California

Flyers:

David A. Romero has not yet developed a flyer template for this workshop. If you decide to book Mementos & Metaphors: Poems of Family and Identity, Romero can design a flyer for the event for no extra fee.

More:

Longer workshops, as well as multiple sessions, to culminate in a student "Slam," (poetry competition) can be negotiated.

Professional-looking books and chapbooks to collect student work produced during workshops to be made available two months after workshops are conducted can also be negotiated.

*All workshops include a performance from David A. Romero.

**Workshop does not require multimedia. Paper and writing utensils must be provided by students or host institution(s).

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Travel and lodging can be handled in two ways: 1) the university makes the arrangements on Romero's behalf (preferred) or, 2) Romero makes the arrangements and is reimbursed with the total check.

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