**Due: Tuesday, March 14**

**News Poem**

Write a poem that is based on a newspaper story, television news report, or online video.

Follow Hongo’s pattern in “The Legend”:

1. Begin with a close observation of the scene.
Focus on the setting by using **vivid imagery**.
Describe the characters (people) involved.
2. Using present tense **active voice verbs**, describe the events
3. Begin with an objective, **factual tone** and create a *shift in tone*, moving to a more subjective, **personal tone**.
4. Include **an allusion** to a well-known philosopher, which helps to make a philosophical statement about your subject. This philosopher may be a poet, singer, or religious leader as well.
5. End your poem with **a comment on your feelings** and thoughts about the event.

**News Poem Commentary, due Wednesday, March 15**

Using the “Advanced Paragraph” as a guide, write a commentary. Include sentences using “in order to” as a way of explaining your choices. Specifically discuss your **voice** (tone and diction) and the **imagery** you used to develop the poem’s **theme**. Explain how the final line, the poem’s title, and the allusion develop **the theme**. (300+ words)