***New England Primer* – Student Primer Project**

English III/Honors English III

Choose a word of at least eight (8) letters that you believe describes you (your personality or traits, a hobby, etc.). Following the format of the *New England Primer,* write rhymed couplets for each letter in the word that help explain or describe the word (and you!). Make sure all of your lines have the same number of syllables. Each couplet should contain a significant word that begins with the letter from the original.

Your Primer must be created on unlined paper and written in something other than No. 2 pencil (pen, marker, colored pencil, etc.). You must also illustrate your Primer to accentuate your word. Lastly, you must present your Primer to the class.

*Example:*

K **Keeping** up a steady paddle, (8 syllables)

 With the waves it is a battle. (8)

A The **air** is flowing past your face (8)

 As you keep a rigorous pace. (8)

Y **You** see lots of beautiful sights

 When you kayak in day or night.

A **As** you paddle over the sea,

 Your mind clears and starts to be free.

K **Knowing** the rise and fall of tides

 Helps you avoid a sand bar ride

I **Intense** with determination,

 Going great lengths in the ocean.

N **No** one disturbs you and the sea

 Brings a humbling feeling to thee.

G **Gliding** over water with grace,

 Moving at your very own pace.

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Grading Rubric

*Deductions:*

 Not on unlined paper (-10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Couplets do not rhyme (-5 each) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Syllable counts for couplets do not match (-5 each) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Word is fewer than 8 letters in length (-10 per letter) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Written in pencil (-10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Sloppy or illegible (-10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Grammar/spelling errors (-5 each) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 No overall theme (-10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 No illustrations (-20/max grade of 80) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Failure to present (-31/max grade of 69) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Total deductions: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Final Grade \_\_\_\_\_\_\_/100

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