You will be creating an inspirational quote poster. First, choose a quote that inspires you and is school appropriate. This quote can come from anywhere. It does not have to focus on English.

Next, answer the following questions about the quote you selected.

1. Where did this quote come from?

* Background on the person who said it
* When and/or where it was said
* What was the context of the quote? (basically, why did the person say it?)

1. What does the quote mean?
2. Why does this quote inspire you?
3. What is a specific example of a time in class when this quote could be useful?

My quote:

Self-Pity

I never saw a wild thing sorry for itself. A small bird will drop frozen dead from a bough without ever having felt sorry for itself.

[D. H. Lawrence](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/d/d_h_lawrence.html)

*D. H. Lawrence was born in 1885 and died in 1930. He was a poet and writer who focused on emotional health and using your instinct. This quote is actually a poem that was published in 1923. He wrote it because he wanted people to think about how even though humans are more evolved than animals, humans still have some bad qualities that animals don’t.*

*This quote means that only people have the ability to feel self-pity. In nature, animals don’t feel bad about themselves. They don’t regret or complain. I think this is because animals can’t waste energy feeling sorry for themselves. It’s not productive, and they have to survive.*

*This quote inspires me because it reminds me that I don’t have to feel sorry for myself either. Also, if a small bird that I could crush in my hand doesn’t complain, no matter what the circumstance, then what do I have to complain about? This makes me want to use my time and my energy wisely and not waste it.*

*Students could use this quote in class when they are feeling bad about receiving homework or having to study for a test. The students could realize that feeling sorry for themselves wastes time when they should just get their work done. That way, they’ll have more time to do what they want.*

*Source: http://www.online-literature.com/forums/showthread.php?Self-Pity-by-DH-Lawrence*

Be sure to include the source or sources you used to answer questions 1. Notice that in the example, each question is answered in order in its own paragraph, but question numbers aren’t included.

Finally, create a poster that includes your quote, who said it, and illustrations/decorations. A grading rubric is listed below. This poster can be created on your Chromebook or with resources provided in class.

\_\_\_\_/5 Chose an appropriate quote for the assignment

\_\_\_\_/20 Answered all questions thoughtfully and completely (5 points per question)

\_\_\_\_/5 Created a colorful poster with illustrations/decorations

\_\_\_\_/30 TOTAL