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## Writing Prompt (courtesy of Tarfia Faizzulah)

### **METAPHOR AND MATTER: a poetry challenge**

“It is difficult/to get the news from poems/yet men die miserably every day/for lack/of what is found there.” –William Carlos Williams

Part 1:

Write 5 metaphors.

Part 2:

Read 1-2 news article(s) on any current event or issue that strikes your interest. Write two questions you feel are left unanswered by the article.

Part 3:

Highlight any language from the article(s) that strikes you.

Part 4:

List 3 things that frighten you.

Part 5:

Write a poem incorporating 3 of your 5 metaphors, your two unanswered questions, language from the article, and 2 of the things that frighten you.

### **Pro-Level Bonus Round**

Part 6:

Incorporate a scientific concept that is of interest to you. Scientific American is a good place to start.