**THE DEAD POET'S SOCIETY**

"We don't read and write poetry because it's cute. We read and write poetry because we are members of the human race. And the human race is filled with passion. And medicine, law, business, engineering, these are noble pursuits and necessary to sustain life. But poetry, beauty, romance, love, these are what we stay alive for."

- Dead Poet's Society

**Dead Poet’s Society Movie Questions**

1. Keating says the first quote on the first page after students had ripped out pages from a book that told them how to physically measure the greatness of poetry. Do you truly believe that there is some kind of mathematical equation that you could apply to any type of written literature? Why or why not?
2. Professor Keating made the students walk in sync in the courtyard and then versed the poem: “The Road Not Taken”. What was his motivation behind using this specific poem? How is the theme of this poem similar to the theme of the film?
3. Professor Keating said that his exercise in the courtyard was to teach the kids of the “dangers of conformity”. What is his point in telling the student to not conform?
4. The following are themes presented throughout the film:
   1. Discipline vs. free nature (carpe diem)
   2. Relationship between student/teacher
   3. Relationship between parents/children

Describe a scene in which you saw these themes presented in the film and give specific details as to why they were important situations.