**English 1201/1202 Poetry Lesson**

**Writing Assignment**

Respond to the following prompt. Some of you will be asked to share what you wrote.

***Become a kitchen implement in two descriptive paragraphs. Use detail, imagery and adjectives. Discuss how you are like that kitchen implement.***

***Sifter***  Page 247

Sifter: A container with a handle and holes in the bottom. Used for removing large pieces of flour or mixing flour with other dry things when cooking.

**Discussion questions**

1.”This is the beauty of metaphor. It opens doors”. What does she mean by saying that metaphors open doors?

2. In what ways is the speaker like a sifter?

3. How is the metaphor a “door” into a better understanding of her?

4. How could the following implements mentioned in the poem represent the students in the speaker’s class or any person?

a)butcher knife b)frying pan c)muffin tin d)soup pot

e)drawers f)singing teapot g)spoon h)empty cup i)tray

**Assignment**

You will write a free verse poem comparing yourself to an inanimate object. It must be 15 lines minimum, but you may write more. It should have a title. You must use figurative language in the poem (such as: similes, imagery, alliteration, personification, and onomatopoeia). Describe the object in detail and find ways that you or people in general are similar to the object the way the speaker in *Sifter* does. You may write your poem on the kitchen implement that you described earlier, or you may choose any other object. This poem will be graded as a major assignment. Be creative!