***A Beautiful Mind* Poetry Project**

We just finished watching *A Beautiful Mind*, about mathematical genius, John Nash. In the story, John Nash struggled with his Schizophrenia throughout his entire life. He had a very active imagination and saw the world as few (if any) ever have. For this project, you are going to try and get inside the mind of John Nash during a specific time of his life. You will begin by choosing the time in John Nash’s life that you want to write about. Your options are:

* During his years as a student at Princeton
* His years ‘working with the CIA’
* His years taking medication to subdue his Schizophrenia
* His years as a professor learning to cope with the hallucinations

Once you have chosen the time period, you will write a poem from his personal point of view. Unlike the sonnets that you wrote (which were very strict in form and structure), this poem will be free verse, meaning it does not need to follow a specific rhyme scheme or meter. The poem must however contain:

* 20 line poem
* an original title
* at least 6 uses of figurative language (i.e. metaphor, simile, personification, onomatopoeia, idiom, etc)
* You should have a refrain. The refrain should repeat between 3-5 times

The final poem **must look aesthetically pleasing**. It should be decorative and clean. In addition to writing a creative and aesthetically pleasing poem, **you will write a one page summary** over the poem. The summary will explain the portion of John Nash’s life that you wrote about. It will also explain the significance of your poem. Finally, each of the lit devices that were used in your poem will be explained.