

Sample Extra Credit — Write your own Inferno sequence

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Venturing down the path, Virgil and I move on  
Towards the next level of suffering where  
Coaches who pushed players too hard belong.

This circle of Hell is surely gruesome.  
Here coaches do the drills they had inflicted;  
They sprint and run with no end to come.

“They have been put here only to suffer.  
The trick of it is that no matter  
How hard they work, they grow buffer.”

Thus Virgil said as we progressed down the path  
Where in the murky distance I saw  
Gordo laugh while Mehlbach succumbed to her wrath.

The horror worsened as we went deeper.  
The coaches look angry and most even meaner.  
But then it all hit me as I saw the gatekeeper.

He guarded the door where the most evil dwell.  
Inside I could see all the players mocking and  
Forcing their coaches to run like hell.

It was here I saw my greatest fear.  
I came face to face with Coach Cannon.  
I hesitantly asked of her, “Why are you here?”

In reply, she said aloud to me,  
“I made you run too much at practice,  
So now I pay this price for eternity.”

Just then the whistle blared its sound.  
It was time for Cannon to sprint the mountain  
Whose sought after peak was never to be found.

I ran right beside her for a little while  
Talking and asking her questions, like  
“Why, when we tried out did we have to run five miles?”

“To your questions, the answers I do not know,  
But I do regret all those winter days  
That I made you practice out in the snow.

I am sorry for all I put my team through.  
After scaling this monumental peak  
I know now what a pain running is to do.”

This proved to me that all is fair and good,  
That karma does indeed run true,  
When in the end, all receive the punishment they should.

### Inferno Extra Credit Guidelines:

A. Write your own Inferno sequence:

1. Stanzas must be three lines long. Must rhyme. Terza rima? Double points!!!!!!
2. Sequence must tell the story of a sinner condemned to "Hell".
3. The punishment must be symbolic of the sinner's sins.

This extra credit can count up to 20 points depending on the length, creativity, and quality of your sequence.

B. Find out which level of the Inferno you would go. Note: Though many find this website amusing, it does ask personal questions. Remember this is extra credit, and you are under no obligation to do this if you find the questions offensive. The point value for this one is low, so you aren't missing many points. If you choose to do it, complete the quiz. Print your results. Write a paragraph stating whether or not you agree with your placement giving specific reasons why. This is worth up to 10 points depending on insights revealed in analysis paragraph.

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