Language Field Guides

Goal: The goal of a language field guide is to document your discoveries about words as you explore them over time.

- ❏ A field guide word can be any word you are curious about and want to explore! They might come from:
  - ❏ Words in books you read
  - ❏ Words you hear on TV, in movies, or on the radio
  - ❏ Words you hear friends or adults use but you don't know the meaning of
  - ❏ A list of great words for kids your age provided by your teacher.
- ❏ Dedicate one page in your notebook for each word.
- ❏ Record your thinking in your notebook "field guide". (About 1 page)
- ❏ Field guide entries:

Must...	**To fill up your page, you can choose to explore...(because you think it is interesting and/or helpful to a FULL understanding)**
❏ Write down a definition **in your own words.** ❏ Include the part of speech ❏ Include sentences using the word in a way that shows the meaning. ❏ Include some kind of image that you associate with the word..	❏ Pronunciation (what the word sounds like) ❏ Synonyms and antonyms ❏ Emotional connotation (is it a happy word? Sad word? Emotionally-neutral word?) ❏ Places or situations in which you might use this word ❏ Places you encounter this word (or some form of it) -- in what you read, watch, listen to, in other classes, etc. ❏ Connections between your word and other words in your field guide ❏ Connection to YOUR life -- when has this word been applicable in your life? When do you see an example of this word in your life? ❏ Translation into a language you speak or are learning (like Spanish!)

Resources to Help You:

- **Dictionaries**
  - **Ldoceonline.com**
  - **Wordcentral.com**
  - **Kids.wordsmyth.net**

- **Other Resources**
  - Wordhippo.com -- synonyms, antonyms, sentences using your word, translations into Spanish.