Literary Event Response 2 ---- Robert Hass and Brenda Hillman

Robert and Brenda are both talented poets. Robert’s poem gave me a feeling of connecting between the human body and the water. And during the reading, the poems he chose was really interesting in the sense that they all involve great wordplay.

The writing of a poem is drastically different from the writing of a fiction yet their secret to success share some similarities. In the reading, Robert said that how he made so many great poems are not by writing constantly in front of the desk, which is different from what we would expect from other disciplines, i.e practice, but by discovering the world and looking at what’s happening outside. Fiction writers write great stories based on real ones or interviews from the real ones and the great poets do the same. Sometimes writers do not write poems, but the poems come to them through anything in the world, whether it be a flower, automobile, or random pedestrians that appears to be very busy in the street. Also, another piece of advice from Robert is that “if you want to write, you need to read”. In ancient China, there was a saying that “Reading thousands of books, walks millions of miles.” This ancient saying also proves what Robert says about writing. What you read and influenced you is the piece that actually introduced you to yourself. You want to write what you actually see. This way you can write what you actually feel. Robert is not only a great poet but also a great advisor and thinker in our time.