In conjunction with Scott Little of TJHS’s Earth Science Dept., I have 2 ideas. Both are rough as material isn't here and this will be my first time teaching 8th English.

I. Joint Research Project between 4 core subjects.
   A. E. Science
      1. teach geology of Idaho
      2. take detailed notes in journal
   B. History
      1. teach Idaho History
      2. take detailed notes in journal
   C. Math
      1. Use facts/figures from A. & B. to complete worksheets & come up with own finding?
      2. Present findings plus document in journal
   D. English
      1. Take all notes from ground
      2. Use other resources (Internet, books, etc.)
      3. Pick one specific topic
      4. Write, edit, & publish research report
         a. Cover pg
         b. Works cited page
         c. In-text citation
         d. Graphic
         e. Journal
   E. Project/paper will be graded by each of the four core teachers for specific criteria

II. Poetry Unit in English
   a. Objective: To be able to type each of the types of poems given as well as recognize all differences as demonstrated in completed portfolio.
   b. Use E. Science knowledge & completed V.O. calabrest 40 write said portfolio
   How To:
   1. Teach to poetry
   2. Example
   3. Class poems
   4. Practice
   5. Portfolio
Time - ? 3 weeks start to finish?

Material:
1. Poetry Books from Library
2. Samples
3. Computer Lab
4. E. Sci. Vocab. list w/ definitions

Format / Portfolio
1. Cover page w/ graphics
2. Poems 1-10
3. E. Sci. Vocab. list w/ definitions
   (can be on Ppt.)

Other Information:
At least 2 of 10 required poems will be E. Science related. Use the RD17 “Subjects” (earthquakes, floods, mass wasting, wild fires, snow, avalanche, drought, hydrology, glaciations, geologic map, cross-section, stratigraphy, faults & folds, geomorphology, fossil fuels, mines, climate change, land, storms) plus at least 7 (seven) vocab. words for each of the 2 required E. Science poems (Vocab. lists taught by S. Little) to complete.

List of poem types (there are more, but I’d have to get into my classroom!)
Cinquain
Acrostic
Haiku
Limerick
Ode
Shape
Lyric
Couplet.