



**YOUR CHOICE:
CHOOSE WISELY**

THE POWER OF POETRY



INTRODUCTION

In today's lesson, we will:

-  Explore various forms of poetry
-  Discuss and analyze videos of slam poems
-  Create our own poems using the 5 SEL competencies



CONSIDER

April is National Poetry Month, but poetry is timeless.

Poetry is a part of various cultures, time periods and geographic locations.

Poetry is deeply connected to hip-hop. Can you think of examples?

JAY-Z SAYS, "RAP IS POETRY."





ICEBREAKER

WHAT IS POETRY?



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WATCH A VIDEO

WHAT IS POETRY?

Use the video "Black Thought Delivers Pure Poetry in His Love Letter to Hip-Hop" to engage in a cypher activity.



DEAR HIP HOP

PERFORMED BY BLACK THOUGHT
DIRECTED BY BENNY BOOM



ICEBREAKER

➤➤➤ GET MOVING!

WHAT IS POETRY?

CYPHER PROTOCOL

- 1) Walk around the room.
- 2) When the video is paused, find a partner and discuss either question.
- 3) Stay with your partner. When the video is paused again, link up with another pair to form a cypher (circle) and answer the Round 2 question.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Round 1: Share something you love so much that you would want to write a letter to it.

Round 2: Share what stood out to you in the poem.

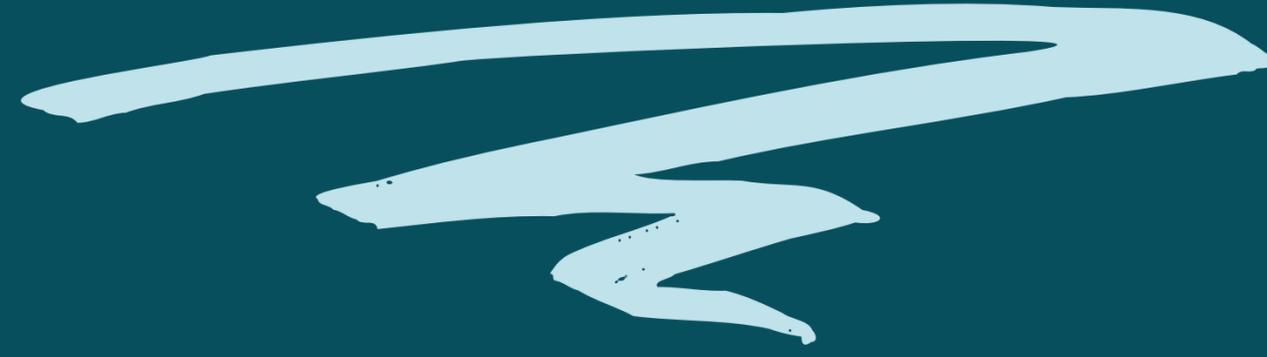




LESSON

PART ONE

DIFFERENT TYPES OF POETRY





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- What is poetry?
- Why do people write poetry?
- What can poetry look and sound like?
- What can poetry be about?





DIFFERENT TYPES OF POETRY

So....what is poetry to you?

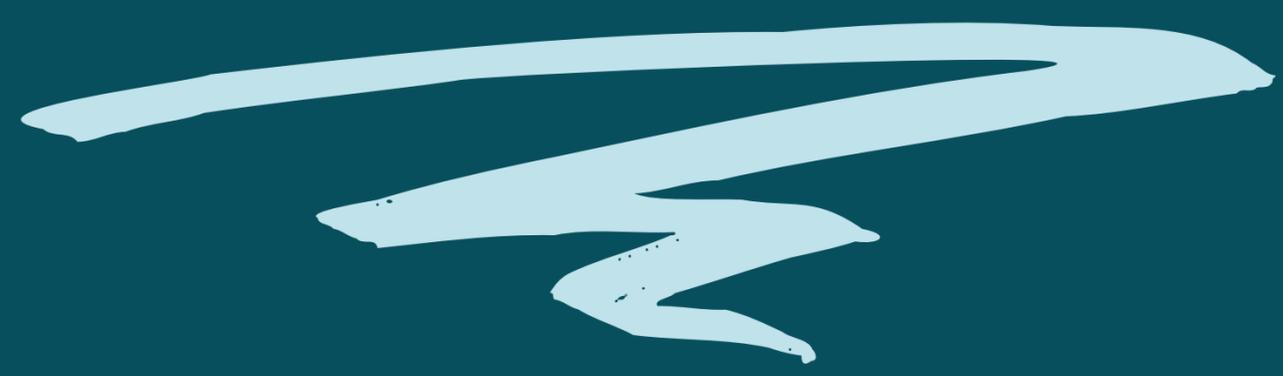
- How would you define poetry in your own words?
- What have you realized about poetry so far?
- Which poem stood out to you the most? Why?





LESSON
PART TWO

POETRY SLAM INSPIRATION





POETRY SLAM INSPIRATION

SLAM POETRY CONTEST GOALS

- * Review the 5 SEL skills to use while we judge the poems
- * Watch three different slam poems
- * Judge and analyze the poems using the 5 SEL skills and our opinions
- * Vote on a winner of the slam





POETRY SLAM INSPIRATION

A Poetry Slam is an art competition in which contestants perform personal pieces of lyrics, poetry or other forms of spoken word.

Like any competition, there are winners, losers and rules.





POETRY SLAM INSPIRATION

5 SEL SKILLS TO SPOT

- **Self-Awareness** = knowledge of yourself
- **Social-Awareness** = knowledge of society and current events
- **Responsible Decision Making** = making smart choices
- **Relationship Skills** = managing and maintaining healthy relationships
- **Self-Management** = having self-control, self-regulation



LESSON: PART TWO



POETRY SLAM INSPIRATION

1) We will now watch two video poem examples.

2) At the end of each poem, use the Poetry Toolbox to write down which social emotional skills you think the poet is using in their work.

POEM LINKS

- [Kayden Hern 9 Year-old Poet Laureate](#)
- [Elizabeth Acevedo - Hair](#)
- [Marshall Davis Jones - Touchscreen](#)
- [Denice Frohman - Accents](#)





POETRY SLAM INSPIRATION

- What did you think of each poem?
- What SEL skills did you see in each poem?
- Which one should win the poetry slam contest? Why?





LESSON PART THREE

WRITE YOUR OWN!



LESSON: PART THREE



WRITE YOUR OWN!

- 1) Write an original poem focused on one of the 5 SEL skills.
- 2) Use the Poetry Toolbox to pick a topic, poetic devices, and form.
- 3) You will have 10 minutes to write your poem.



**REMEMBER, THIS IS JUST PRACTICE!
YOUR POEM DOES NOT HAVE TO BE PERFECT.**



LESSON: PART THREE



TALK ABOUT IT

WRITE YOUR OWN!

- What have you realized about reading or writing poetry today?
- How can we use the 5 SEL skills to fuel our poetry?
- Why do people choose poetry as an art form?
- How will you continue to consume or produce poetry in your own life?

