

EMPOWERED

STUDENT INFORMATION GUIDE

Young Writers invites you to write a poem... Find and then use your voice through verse on any subject to feel confident & empowered. From current affairs, religion and identity to love, loss and everything in-between, use this platform to express yourself.

WHAT POETIC FORM WILL YOU USE?

- ★ **Acrostic**
an acrostic is a poem in which the first letters of each line spell out a word or phrase
- ★ **Free Verse**
poems can be about any topic and can be of any length
- ★ **Lyric**
a short and personal poem
- ★ **Rhyme**
close similarity in the final sounds of two or more words or lines of writing
- ★ **Anthem**
represents the ideals of a group of people

WHAT POETIC TECHNIQUES WILL YOU INCLUDE?

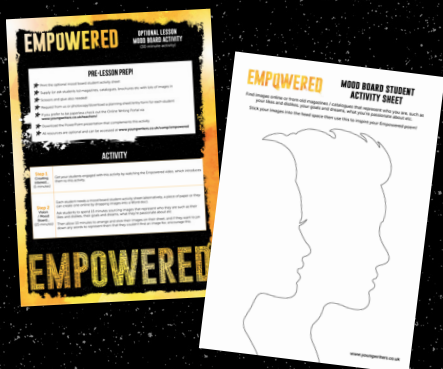
- ★ **Alliteration**
a series of words begin with the same consonant sound
- ★ **Simile**
compares two different things using the words "like" or "as"
- ★ **Metaphor**
describes an object or action in a way that isn't literally true, but helps explain an idea or make a comparison
- ★ **Onomatopoeia**
where words evoke the actual sound of the thing they refer to or describe
- ★ **Repetition**
using the same word or phrase over and over again

Check out the video that introduces the activity to you in just one minute:

<https://youtu.be/BAa1i458XxY>

TOP TIPS

Use the mood board activity sheet to help inspire you!



Write the kind of poem you'd like to read! If sonnets are too old-fashioned or long poems bore you, now is your chance to write a poem using your own words and style. Own it.

INSPIRATION STATION

Current affairs

what do you agree or disagree with? What would you change?

Education

what would you change? What do you hope to achieve? What is school like for you?

Image

how does social media impact your thoughts on self image? How do you empower yourself and others with looks, style and self-acceptance?

Idols

who do you admire? How does your idol empower them?

Hopes, dreams and ambitions
who do you aspire to be? How will you achieve this?

The environment

climate change, extinction, destruction of natural habitats, animals in captivity

Identity

what do you stand for? What makes you, you?

Equal rights

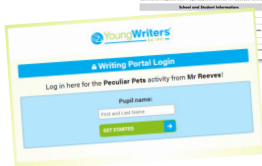
do you feel equal? What would you change? Can you give a voice to someone or something that can't stand up for themselves?

Religion

What does religion mean to you? Are you religious? Do you feel misunderstood or misrepresented? How can you change others' perceptions?

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IT'S EASY TO TAKE PART!

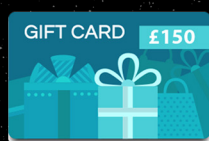
1. Your teacher will either give you a worksheet to write your poem on
OR
a login link to your school's Online Writing Portal where you type your poem up
2. Write your entry and your teacher will submit it!

PRIZE INFORMATION

FOR STUDENTS

1st Prize

Our 3 favourite poets will each win a **£150 gift card** of their choice.
5 runners-up will each win a **£25 National Book Token**



Plus

Every entrant receives a bookmark and a certificate of merit for all young writers chosen for publication!

You can view our most recent winners here:
www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/winners

FOR SCHOOLS

1st Prize

Young Writers' Award of Excellence and **£1,000**

£1000



1 x Runner-up

will win a poetry book bundle

Plus Every participating school receives a free copy of the book their pupils feature in!

