

**Reinforce:**

**Reading  
Writing  
Communication  
Speaking  
Listening  
Team Work  
Language  
And Vocabulary**

**All through  
POETRY:  
The language  
of imagination  
expressed  
in verse.  
“Projects can be  
designed to fit  
Elementary, Middle,  
High, College, Staff  
Development  
and more!”**

## **TESTIMONIES!!!**

THIS IS SO EXCITING TO ME BRINGING REAL WORLD ARTISTS TO THE STUDENTS IS EXACTLY WHAT WE NEED MORE OF IN THE CLASSROOM. I WAS DEEPLY TOUCHED THAT THIS TYPE OF LEARNING WAS ALLOWED TO HAPPEN IN OUR SCHOOL. IT WAS THE COOLEST THING THAT HAS EVER HAPPENED IN A SCHOOL IN MY ENTIRE TEACHING CAREER! - **Jaclyn Purdy: Flat Rock Middle School 7th Grade English**

THE MATERIAL WAS PRESENTED IN A WAY THAT ENERGIZED MY STUDENTS AND MADE REAL WORLD CONNECTIONS FOR THEM BETWEEN WHAT THE CURRICULUM MANDATES ARE AND WHAT THEY EXPERIENCE EVERY DAY. THE BLEND OF THE TWO IS ONE THAT MOST TEACHERS FIND CHALLENGING. - **Sharon Jacobs: Washington Montessori Principal**

THE POETRY PROJECT GAVE MY STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE HOW POETRY WORKS IN REAL WORLD SITUATIONS. STUDENTS WHO DON'T GENERALLY PARTICIPATE IN CLASS ACTIVITIES WERE MORE ENGAGED AND THE WORKSHOP REINFORCED SEVERAL CURRICULUM GOALS AND OBJECTIVES. - **Keala Rodgers: North East High School English Teacher**



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# Poetry Project



"THE POETRY PROJECT IS AN ORGANIZATION THAT PRIDES ITSELF IN USING POETRY TO TEACH, INSPIRE AND BUILD THE COMMUNITIES THAT WE CALL HOME. THROUGH STRUCTURED WORKSHOPS, POETRY SLAMS AND OPEN MICS, WE CREATE SAFE SPACES TO SHARE OUR LIVES AND TELL OUR STORIES"

THIS PROJECT CORRELATES LITERARY TECHNIQUES AND CORE CLASSROOM CURRICULUMS WITH PERSONAL EXPRESSION, CHARACTER EDUCATION AND THE BUILDING OF SELF-ESTEEM.

STUDENTS WILL LEARN HOW THIS ART FORM CAN BE USED FOR POSITIVE CHANGE IN THEIR CLASSROOMS AND COMMUNITIES TO ADDRESS PROBLEMS, FORMULATE SOLUTIONS, BATTLE PEER PRESSURE AND EXPAND THE MESSAGE OF TOLERANCE AND DIVERSITY.



IN ADDITION TO BEING AN OUTLET FOR EXPRESSION, CREATIVITY AND A TOOL FOR LITERACY, THIS PROJECT UTILIZES SEVERAL CENTURY 21 INTERDISCIPLINARY THEMES SUCH AS:  
THINKING CREATIVELY  
GLOBAL AWARENESS  
WORKING CREATIVELY WITH OTHERS  
EFFECTIVE REASONING  
PROBLEM SOLVING AND COLLABORATION

## THE POETRY PROJECT INSTITUTE:

AFTER TEACHING SUCCESSFUL WORKSHOPS FOR NEARLY A DECADE TO ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, THE POETRY PROJECT INSTITUTE WAS CREATED. THE INSTITUTE IS A SERIES OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS DESIGNED TO TRAIN TEACHERS ON HOW TO EFFECTIVELY USE POETRY AND THE SPOKEN WORD ART FORM TO ENGAGE STUDENTS IN THE AREAS OF:

- LITERACY
- SERVICE LEARNING
- CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT
- AND MORE

OVER THE COURSE OF THE WORKSHOP TEACHERS WILL BE TAKEN THROUGH CLASSROOM EXERCISES, ACTIVITIES AND GIVEN TOOLS TO ASSIST IN GETTING THEIR STUDENTS TO GRASP CONCEPTS AND SEE POETRY AND LITERACY ON A WHOLE NEW LEVEL.

