



Homeschool
Enrichment Kits

Elementary | Kit 9

Engagement 1 | Exploring the Power of Lyrics

Take a minute or two to think about your favorite song. Write down the name of your song and a few thoughts about why you love it so much. Here are some questions to get you started:

- What about your song makes it easy to remember?
- Does the song you're thinking of tell a story of sorts?
- How do the words and music work together to make it a great song?



Engagement 2 | Poetry as Song

Did you know that poetry is a form of song? Even if the lines don't rhyme, when writers pay close attention to sounds and beats in words, the poem becomes musical. This type of poetry is even called Lyrical Poetry.

Step 1: Take a look at the United States Poet Laureate reading her poem [Remember](#).
You can follow along here:

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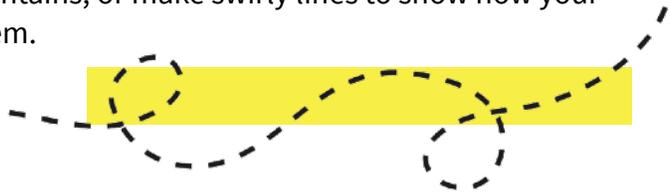
Remember the sky that you were born under,
know each of the star's stories.
Remember the moon, know who she is.
Remember the sun's birth at dawn, that is the strongest point of time. Remember sundown
and the giving away to night.
Remember your birth, how your mother struggled
to give you form and breath. You are evidence of
her life, and her mother's, and hers.
Remember your father. He is your life, also.
Remember the earth whose skin you are:
red earth, black earth, yellow earth, white earth
brown earth, we are earth.

Remember the plants, trees, animal life who all have their tribes, their families, their histories, too.
Talk to them, listen to them. They are alive poems.
Remember the wind. Remember her voice. She knows the origin of this universe.
Remember you are all people and all people are you.
Remember you are this universe and this universe is you.
Remember all is in motion, is growing, is you.
Remember language comes from this.
Remember the dance language is, that life is.
Remember.





Step 2: Reflection: In your notebook, respond to Joy Harjo’s poem by writing down anything the poem makes you think about, and how it makes you feel. What do you notice about the poem? Doodle an image that the poem contains, or make swirly lines to show how your mind worked as you listened to the poem.

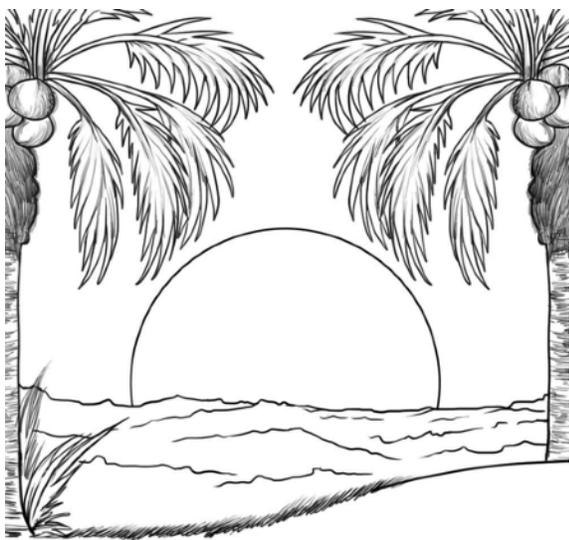


Engagement 3 | Words, Words, Words and ART

For this engagement, you will need your notebook, your favorite drawing/writing materials, and a plain piece of paper.

Have you ever thought about how the great poetry or stories creates pictures in the readers’ minds? What about pictures that give you plenty of things to talk about? Words and images are two ingredients that make writing great. For some, this comes easily--and for others it takes practice. Your final engagement provides a fun way to literally mix images and language.

Step 1: Think of your favorite place or things in nature. Is it the mountains? A park in the city? The beach? Do you like looking at clouds? Climbing trees? Collecting leaves?



Step 2: Once you have your image in mind--**lightly** outline it on your blank piece of paper. Here is an example of an outlined image:

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Step 3: Now use the words of the objects in your image to fill in/color that image. For example, if you drew the sun, you will write the word sun over and over again until the shape of the sun is filled with the word sun. Check out the example of this kind of word art. Notice that the blue sky is the word sky repeated again and again. The green grass is the word grass written in green again and again and so on.



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