



Poetry and Writing workshops

The Importance of telling your own story

A Popular workshop with students around Black History Month. Students are challenged to consider the story that will be told about their lives. Who will tell their story, and what that story will be. They are then challenged to tell their own story in the form of writing poetry. It gives students the opportunity put their experiences in their own words.

Forced Connections

One of the toughest challenges in writing is finding creative ways to make a poem relatable.

In this activity, we will explore various creative tools to help build the foundation of a poem/story. We will explore ways to connect thoughts and ideas that were previously unrelated. We will then build a group poem using those connections.

Stereotypes

We talk about stereotypes and how they apply to us individually and collectively. We explore the stereotypes that we encounter individually based on various categories we fall under. Students will build a list of stereotypes (positive and negative) and write about what makes them more than their stereotype. They will explore ways to compare the most positive elements of themselves, to their favorite activity/hobby. This will help students feel more understood and appreciated by those around them.

Creative Free Write

We explore the liberation of allowing your pen and your mind to create without expectation, without judgment, without concern of a finished product. Often the participants are surprised and excited with the results