

IMAGINE!

Young Writers invites you to write a thought-provoking poem about something that interests you or that you're passionate about with our Imagine! poetry competition.

Use any of the poetry prompts below to help inspire your poem or create your own 'Imagine...' idea to write about.

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

Sonnet

A fourteen line poem with a fixed rhyme scheme

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 a 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

TOP TIPS...

Use the poetry prompts to help you generate ideas

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.

Get emotional! Betrayal, fear, pride, happy, hormonal, tired, elated - what are you feeling? What makes you feel this way? What if you could feel what they are feeling? What if we could feel each other's pain? What if we could change the past? What if we could see the future...?

Ask a question such as: What if everyone was equal? What if humans were extinct? What if animals could talk? What if children ran the world? What topics interest and engage you and fire up your passion? What do you want to write about?

Use a theme, such as 'justice or revenge?' and 'death or immortality?' These not only inspire fantastic discussions, you can create your own 'Imagine' questions to inspire your poem.

Keep your poetry writing on track... you don't have to reply to the question, but use it to inspire your work. Acrostics, rhymes, narrative or riddle poems, and even sonnets all lend themselves to 'Imagine'.

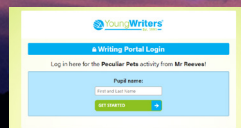
IT'S EASY TO TAKE PART

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

Write your entry and your teacher will submit it!



Closing Date: Monday 29th March 2021

Whether you decide to tackle a difficult issue or write a limerick, Imagine! helps you plan and write your poem, engage with creative writing and create original ideas!

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

https://youtu.be/_-NnWGKNOA

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