

# CATCH a spark!

## Using children's literature to SPARK CREATIVITY



### Woke: A Young Poet's Call to Justice

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New poems by women of color cover topics ranging from discrimination to speaking up and out, to activism and social justice. What may be heavy topics are paired with bright and targeted art, inspiring students to think about justice and expressing themselves.

#### C Context

Relevant and important topics of the poems will foster deep and important conversations.

**Discrimination, racial justice, activism, determination, prejudice,** and so many more.

Using the **power of words** to share emotions, thoughts and feelings. Trace poets of the past to see how their work aligned with social happenings in the world at the time.

What it means to be "**woke**" and aware of the world around you.

#### A Arts

The style and purpose of **digital art**. How does it differ in its interpretation and usage from other forms of art?

The **art of language**. How is word choice in poetry purposeful and targeted in style compared to other forms of writing. How does it lend itself to being a mode of powerful communication?

#### T Themes

Being aware

Fighting for what you believe in

Asking and discussing hard questions

Perspective

Justice

Empathy

#### C Create

Foster conversations among students in about the topics they are "woke" about.

Following these talks, give students time to reflect in silence and express themselves using art, whether that is in the form of visual art or using words as art. Allow the next conversations to happen from their own work. Pair students with similar topics together. Can they find ways to align their visions and their words to create unified works and personal calls to justice?

#### H Heart Words

*"...we must nourish and care for one another if we are to grow."*

*"...the lighthouse shining a path to a brighter possibility and it is up to us to follow the sharp beams of truth..."*

*"Say the names of your heroes and then say your own name too."*

*"...rock the boat with love and hope..."*

*"A silence can sound like many things..."*

