



STUDENT INFORMATION GUIDE

Young Writers invites you to write a poem to change the world. Use the power of poetry to tackle important issues and express your views, your emotions, your passion and your pain. You deserve to have your voice heard, and we are ready to listen.

Check out these poetry prompts to help get you started:

- **FIGHT FOR THE FUTURE**
- **MY BURNING QUESTION IS...**
- **IT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY**
- **I BELIEVE WE CAN**
- **THIS IS ME**
- **WHO INSPIRES YOU?**

What is the purpose of your poem? It could be to:

- **EXPRESS YOURSELF**
- **EDUCATE OR INFORM**
- **ENTERTAIN**
- **PROTEST**
- **SHARE IDEAS**
- **BUILD EMPATHY**
- **UNDERSTAND NEW IDEAS**

TOP TIP

Think about what you want the message of your poem to be. Remember what it is as you write, and when your poem is finished check if your message is clear to the reader.

POETRY TECHNIQUES

Remember, a poem doesn't have to rhyme! Here are some other techniques you can use:

- 🔥 **Alliteration** – a series of words that begin with the same sound
- 🔥 **Enjambment** – continuing a sentence onto a new line for flow or emphasis
- 🔥 **Simile** – compares two different things using the words "like" or "as"
- 🔥 **Rhetorical questions** – a question that you don't expect to be answered, used to guide the reader or make them consider
- 🔥 **Symbolism** – using a colour or object to represent something else like an emotion or tone
- 🔥 **Repetition** – using the same word or phrase more than once

IT'S EASY TO TAKE PART!

1. Your teacher will give you a worksheet to write your poem on OR a login link to your school's Online Writing Portal where you can type your poem
2. Write your entry and your teacher will submit it!

PRIZES

For Students

Our 5 favourite poets will each win **£50 & a trophy!**

Plus: Every entrant receives a bookmark and a certificate of merit for all young writers chosen for publication!

Plus: There are school prizes and your school will receive a free copy of the book your work features in!

