

THE WORLD  
REIMAGINED  
HOME WORKSHEETS

**REIMAGINING  
THROUGH  
POETRY**



# MOTHER AFRICA & ETYMOLOGY

The term Mother Africa is an example of personification. If Mother Africa could speak, it would not be in English. There are many words in the English language that are of African origin.

Pick one of the words listed below.

- Zombie
- Banjo
- Cola
- Ebony
- Jenga

Find out which part of Africa it has come from? What time period did it come from? How did it find its way into the English language? Can you write a poem that shows this?

## Build on this

Look at the poem *Àdán - Hussain Ahmed* has written in Yorùbá and the English translation.

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poetrymagazine/poems/157069/adan>

Write a poem in response.

If you speak any other languages or dialects, try translating your poem.

What happens?

Can you merge the two or do you prefer to keep them separate?



# ABOLITION & EMANCIPATION

## THE EINTOU POEM

The Eintou poem is a form of African-American poetry that has 7 lines and rules about the number of syllables on each line.

2 syllables  
4 syllables  
6 syllables  
8 syllables  
6 syllables  
4 syllables  
2 syllables

The Eintou is understood to be a form of protest; creating a form for African American poets to use. The purpose of African poetry is often to pass wisdom to others, rather than observations or narratives, and the Eintou has retained this tradition.

### ACTIVITY 1 - AN EINTOU FOR ABOLITION & EMANCIPATION

Explore the Abolition & Emancipation theme in the Journey of Discovery theme. Choose one story and write an Eintou poem about it.

Try it with syllables, but also with the same structure - just counting words rather than syllables.

### ACTIVITY 2 - A PEARL

The word Eintou has West African origins and means "pearl" like a pearl of wisdom. What is a pearl of wisdom?

What piece of advice would you give someone?  
Can you put it into an Eintou Poem?



# STILL WE RISE

## THE KWANSABA POEM

The Kwansaba poem is a seven line poem invented by Eugene B. Redmond. It was inspired by the seven-day holiday Kwanzaa. It should be a poem about praise. Seven lines of seven words. And words must be seven letters long maximum.

**READ ONE: CELEBRATION, Robert Lee Brewster**

<https://www.writersdigest.com/write-better-poetry/kwansaba-poetic-forms>

### ACTIVITY 1 - CELEBRATE A MOMENT OR A PERSON

Explore the Still We Rise and Expanding Soul themes in the Journey of Discovery theme. Choose one story and write a Kwansaba poem about it.

### ACTIVITY 2 - CELEBRATE SOMEONE YOU KNOW

Who inspires you in your life? Who do you want to celebrate for the role they play in your life? Poetry is a great way to think deeply about your life. Can you choose a person in your life and celebrate them with a Kwansaba poem?

