



Essential Question

How do you express something that is important to you?



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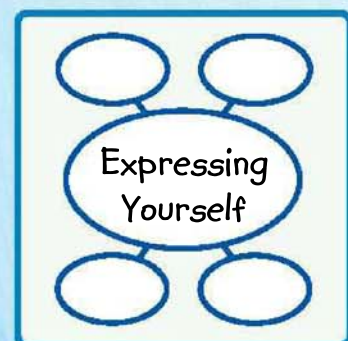
Writing, acting, painting, dancing, playing music—these are all ways you express things that are meaningful to you.

- ▶ Drawing and painting are my favorite forms of expression.
- ▶ I wanted to share my ideas about life in a way that others could enjoy. It's amazing how much one picture can say!

Talk About It



Write words you have learned about expressing yourself. Then talk about how you have expressed something that is important to you.



Vocabulary

Use the picture and the sentences to talk with a partner about each word.

barren



We traveled across **barren** land without seeing a single tree or bush.

What is another word or phrase for barren?

expression



James wrote songs as an **expression** of his beliefs about friendship.

Name another form of artistic expression.

meaningful



The students had a **meaningful** discussion about how to protect the environment.

What meaningful discussions have you had?

plumes



Each year, peacocks shed their beautiful tail **plumes** and grow new ones.

What beautiful plumes you have seen?

Poetry Terms

lyric

Some poets write **lyric** poetry that describes their feelings about nature and seasons.

Would you prefer to read a lyric poem about spring or fall?

alliteration

“Lou’s lamb” shows **alliteration** because the same consonant sound begins two or more words.

Give another example of alliteration, using any consonant.

meter

Rita tapped her fingers in rhythm to the **meter** of the poem as she read it aloud.

Tap out the meter of the nursery rhyme, “Jack and Jill.”

stanza

In some poems, each **stanza** may have four lines.

Recite a stanza from a favorite poem or song.

Your Turn

COLLABORATE



Pick three words and write a question about each for your partner to answer.

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How Do I Hold the Summer?

The sun is setting sooner now,
My swimsuit's packed away.
How do I hold the summer fast,
Or ask it, please, to stay?

The lake like cold, forbidding glass—
The last sailboat has crossed.
Green leaves, gone gold, fall, float away—
Here's winter's veil of frost.

Essential Question

How do you express something that is important to you?

Read three ways that poets express what matters to them.

The background of the page is a scenic photograph of a calm lake. In the foreground, a small blue boat is partially visible, filled with fallen autumn leaves. A large, vibrant orange and yellow maple leaf is prominently displayed in the lower right foreground. The water reflects the sky and the surrounding forested hills. A decorative white dotted line forms a large, sweeping arc across the top and right side of the image.

I thought of ice and barren limbs—
Last winter's snow so deep!
I know I cannot ball up light,
And green grass just won't keep,
So I'll search for signs of summer,
Hold memories of each—
Soft plumes of brown pressed in a book,
The pit of one ripe peach,
Each instance of a cricket's chirp,
And every bird's sweet call,
And store them up in a poem to read
When snow begins to fall.

— Maya Jones



Catching a Fly

It lighted, uninvited
upon the china plate
next to the peas.

No hand I raised
nor finger flicked
but rather found a lens

framed, focused,
zoomed in, held
the hands, still—

the appearance of hands,
like two fine threads, caught
plotting, planning—

greedy goggle eyes, webbed wings
like me, invading—
but no time to pause, he'd go—

and right at the last
instead of a swat,
I snapped!

— Ken Kines



WHEN I DANCE

Always wanna break out,
use my arms and legs
to shout!

On any dark day
that doesn't go
exactly my way—

I bust a move,
get a groove,
feet feel the ground—

That slap's
the only sound
slap, pound

my body needs to charge,
I play my tracks,
I make it large

to take myself away!
Nothing else
I need to say.

— T. C. Arcaro

Make Connections



Talk about what the speaker of each poem wants to express. How does each express it? **ESSENTIAL QUESTION**

Compare the forms of expression in the poems to the way you express what is important to you. **TEXT TO SELF**