Poetry – Spoken Word

Information for students

• Watch the Ted Talk “If I Should Have A Daughter” by Sarah Kay.

• Use the following prompts to help you think about the talk:
  o I noticed . . . I wonder . . . I was reminded of . . . I think . . . I’m surprised that . . . I’d like to know . . . I realized . . . If I were . . . The central issue(s) is/are . . . If ________, then . . . . I’m not sure . . . Although it seems . . . This part makes me think that . . . This makes me feel that . . . The speaker is suggesting that . . . I notice ___ about the language in the talk.
  o Discuss the Ted Talk with a family member or send it to a friend and talk about it together.
  o Create a list: “10 Things I Know to Be True.”
  o Ask a friend online to do the same activity and share your lists. Do they have anything in common?
  o Take it to the next level: Practice your piece as a spoken word performance. Share your piece/performance with your family or friends.

Materials required

• Link: https://www.ted.com/talks/sarah_kay_if_i_should_have_a_daughter?language=en
• Paper, pen, phone, tablet or computer.

Information for parents

Activity details

In this activity, children will practise:

• The best things your child can do are: Read every day. Write every day. Talk every day.

Parent can:

• Above all, activity is designed to be simple! We hope it will appeal to your child whatever their grade level.