

Incorporating Vermont PBS Into Your Classroom

Program: *Poetry in America*

Grade(s): 6-12

Ways to watch: [Series website](#), Vermont PBS broadcast stations, streaming services

About: *Poetry in America* gathers distinguished interpreters from all walks of life to explore and debate 12 unforgettable American poems. Athletes, poets, politicians, musicians, architects, scientists, actors, entrepreneurs, and citizens of all ages join together with host and Harvard professor Elisa New to experience and share the power of poetry. Every half-hour episode offers the viewer a fully immersive experience in hearing, reading, and interpreting a single American poem.

Primary Connection to the [Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy](#):

<i>Standards</i>	<i>Anchor Standards</i>
Reading – Key Ideas and Details	<p>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.R.1 Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.</p> <p>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.R.2 Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.</p> <p>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.R.3 Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.</p>
Reading – Craft and Structure	<p>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.R.4 Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.</p> <p>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.R.5 Analyze the structure of texts, including how specific sentences, paragraphs, and larger portions of the text (e.g., a section, chapter, scene, or stanza) relate to each other and the whole.</p> <p>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.R.6 Assess how point of view or purpose shapes the content and style of a text.</p>
Language – Vocabulary	<p>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.L.4 Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by</p>

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Acquisition and Use	<p>using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.</p> <p>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.L.5</p> <p>Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.</p>

Resources: Use the following carefully curated resources to support teaching English language arts and more with *Poetry in America*.

- [PBS Learning Media collection](#)
- [Series website](#)
- [Poetry in America - Programming and Resources](#)
- [COVID Related](#)
- [AOE Continuity of Learning](#)

Other PBS programs with connections to ELA, Social Studies, and the Arts:

1. American Masters
 - a. [PBS Learning Media collection](#)
 - b. [Series website](#)
2. Great Performances
 - a. PBS Learning Media collections for [Julius Caesar](#) and [Much Ado About Nothing](#)
 - b. [Series website](#)
3. The Great American Read
 - a. [PBS Learning Media collection](#)
 - b. [Series website](#)
4. Masterpiece Collection
 - a. [PBS Learning Media collection](#)
 - b. [Series website](#)
5. Shakespeare Uncovered
 - a. [PBS Learning Media collection](#)
 - b. [Series website](#)