

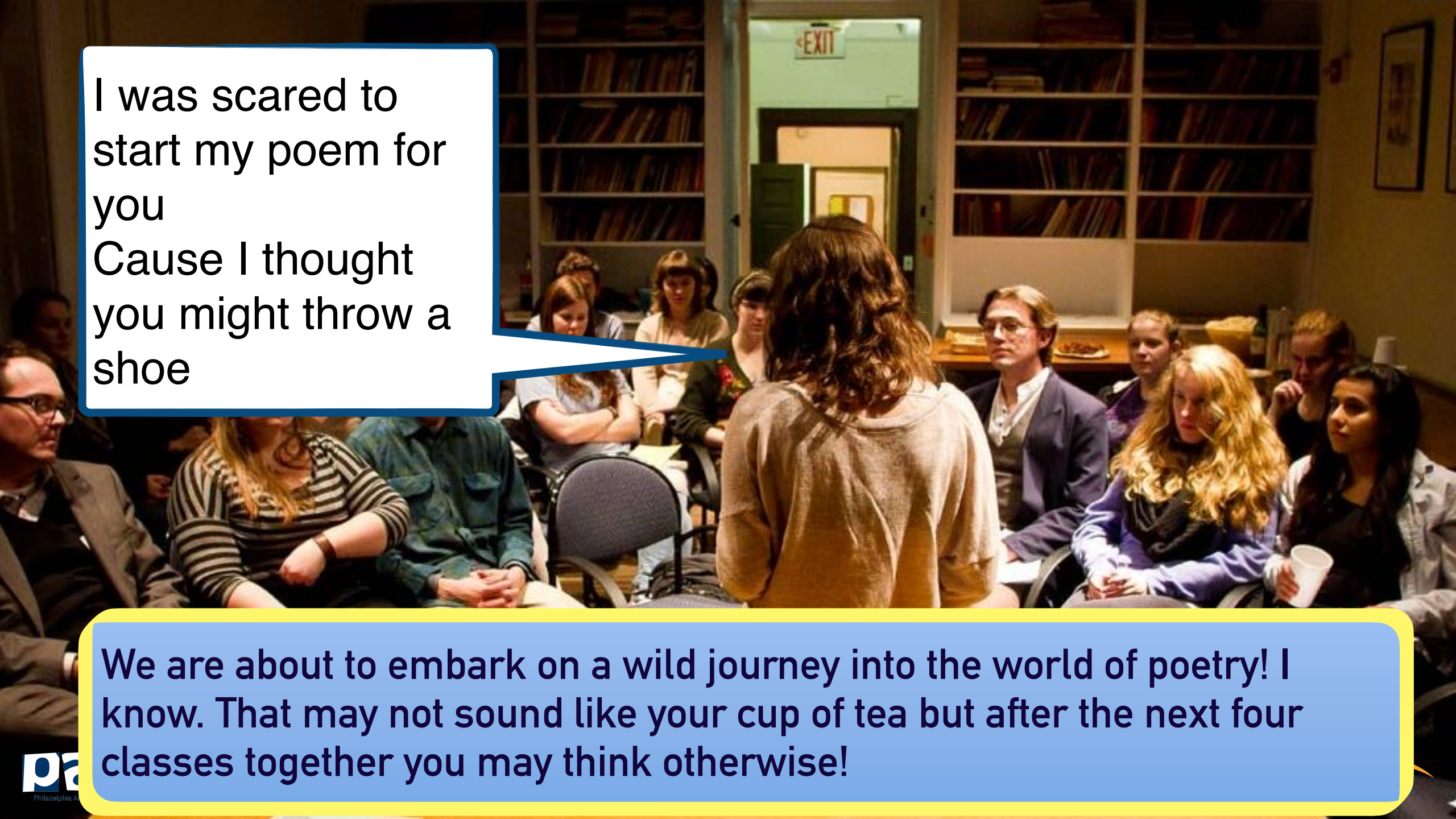


Ready for adventure!

Poetry

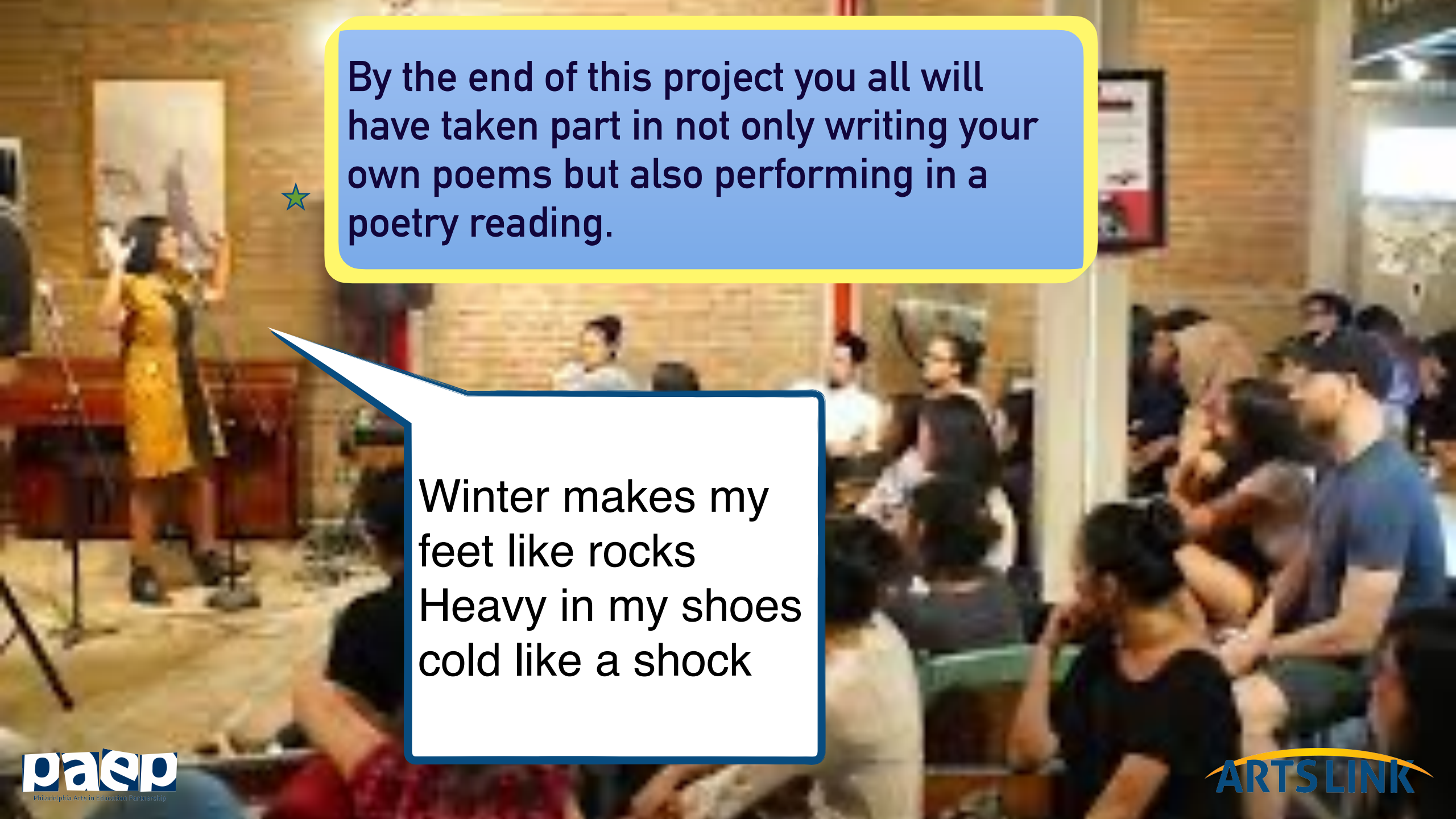
Part 1 - Lyrical Miracles





I was scared to
start my poem for
you
Cause I thought
you might throw a
shoe

We are about to embark on a wild journey into the world of poetry! I know. That may not sound like your cup of tea but after the next four classes together you may think otherwise!

A woman in a yellow dress is performing on a stage in front of an audience. The audience is seated and watching the performance. The background is a brick wall with a framed picture.

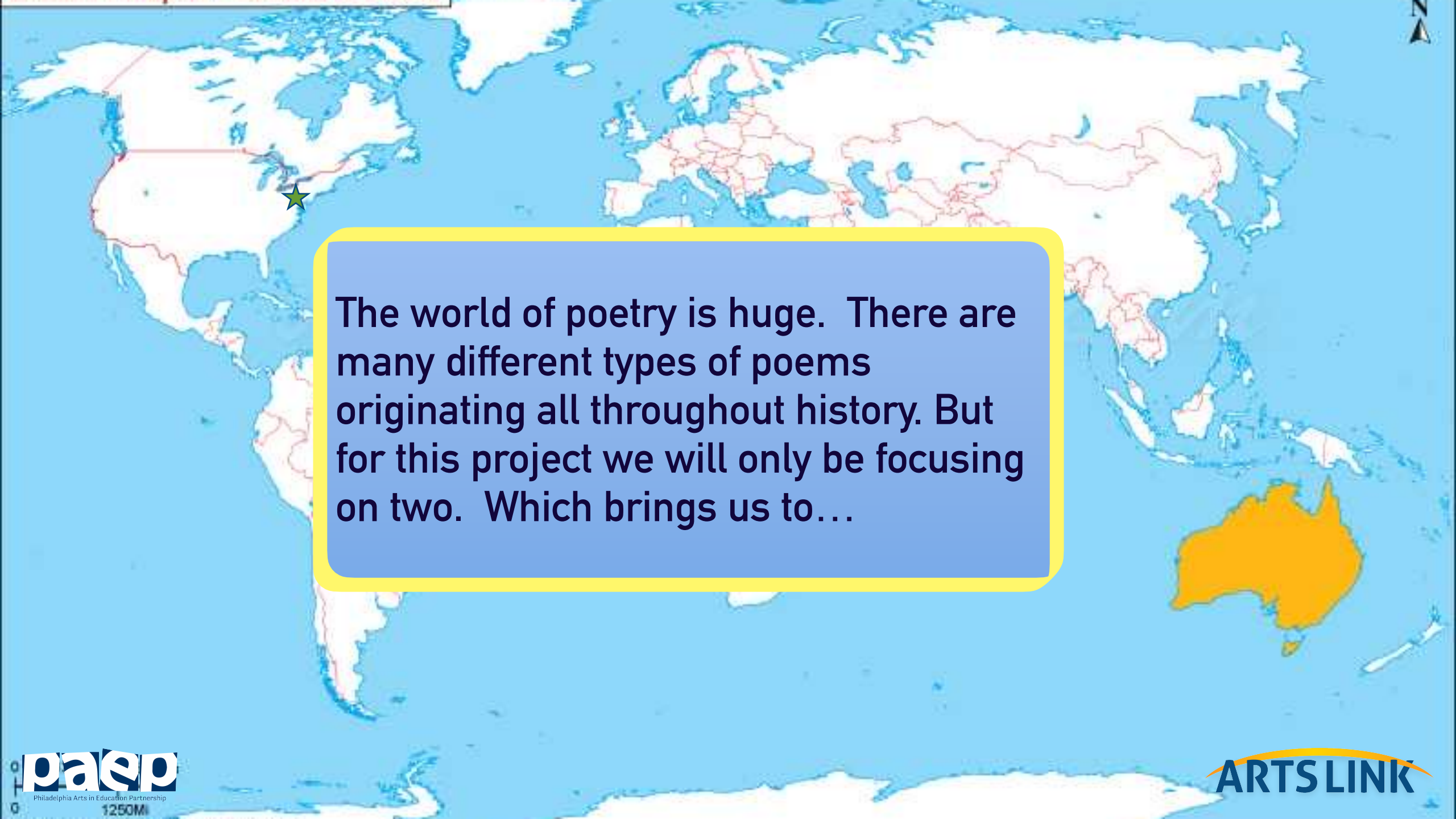
By the end of this project you all will have taken part in not only writing your own poems but also performing in a poetry reading.




Winter makes my
feet like rocks
Heavy in my shoes
cold like a shock

**AND WE'RE JUMPING
INTO IT RIGHT NOW!**



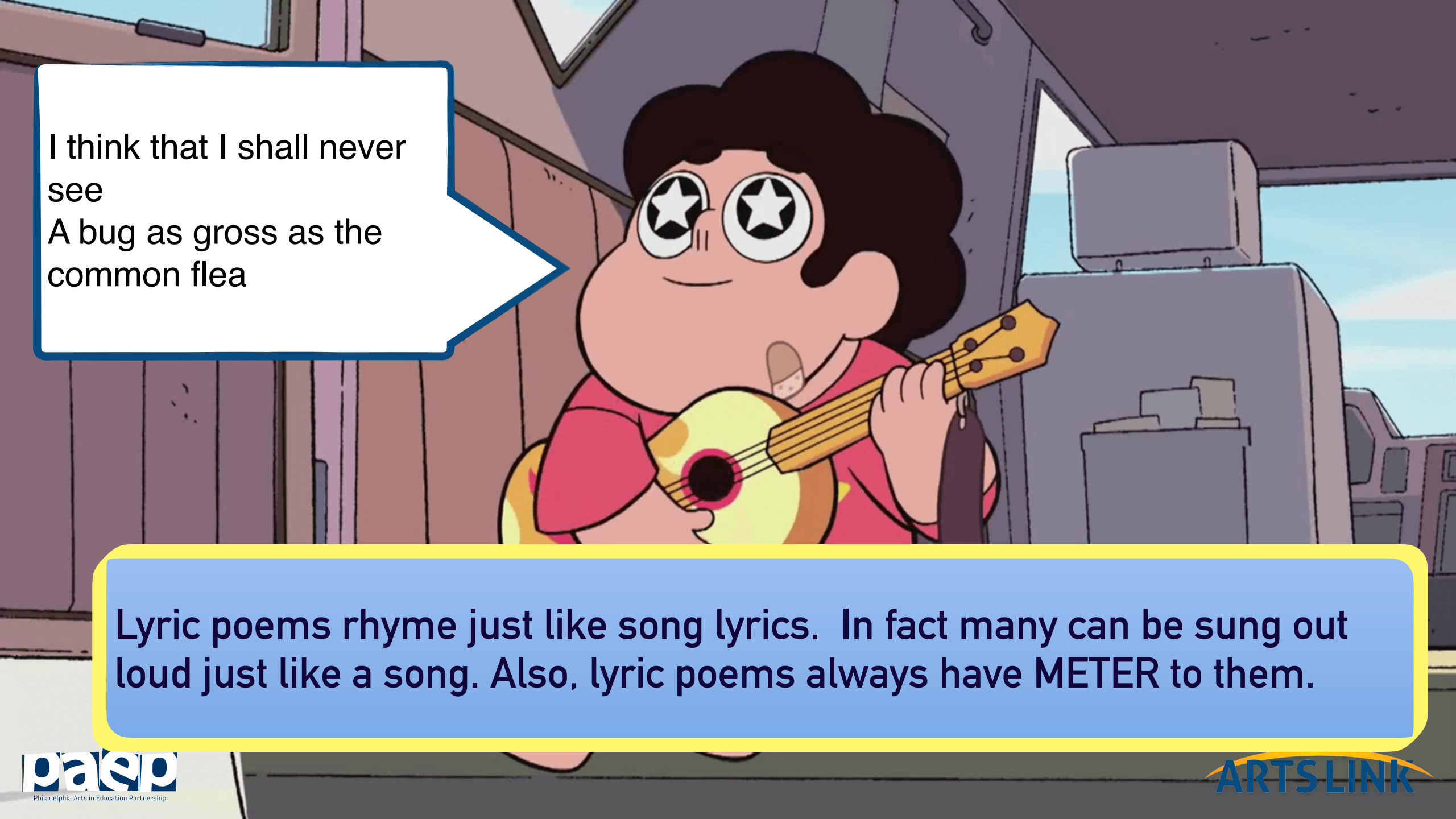


The world of poetry is huge. There are many different types of poems originating all throughout history. But for this project we will only be focusing on two. Which brings us to...



I think that I shall never
see
A bug as gross as the
common flea

Lyric poems! Yes our star poetry style today is lyric poetry. You may notice lyric is the same as the as in song lyrics. That's because lyric poems are not unlike song lyrics.

A cartoon illustration of a character with large, round eyes containing white stars, dark curly hair, and a pink shirt with a red bow. The character is holding a yellow acoustic guitar and has a small bandage on their index finger. The background shows a window with a view of a city skyline.

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Lyric poems rhyme just like song lyrics. In fact many can be sung out loud just like a song. Also, lyric poems always have **METER** to them.

VOCABULARY TIME!



METER

Meter is the rhythm in poems. It is defined by the stressed and unstressed syllables in the verse.

Péteř Pípeř pícked
ā péck of
píckleđ péppěrs.

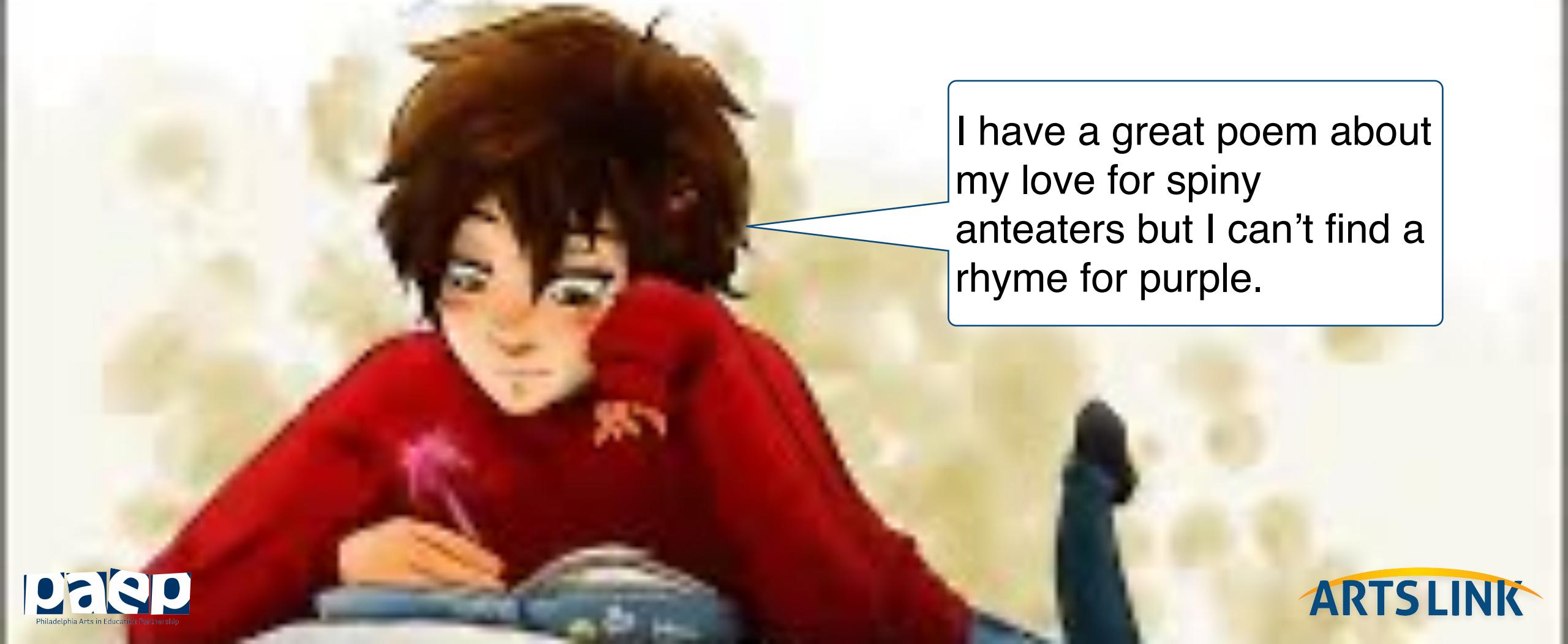
She stuck out her tongue and it stayed there – it froze!



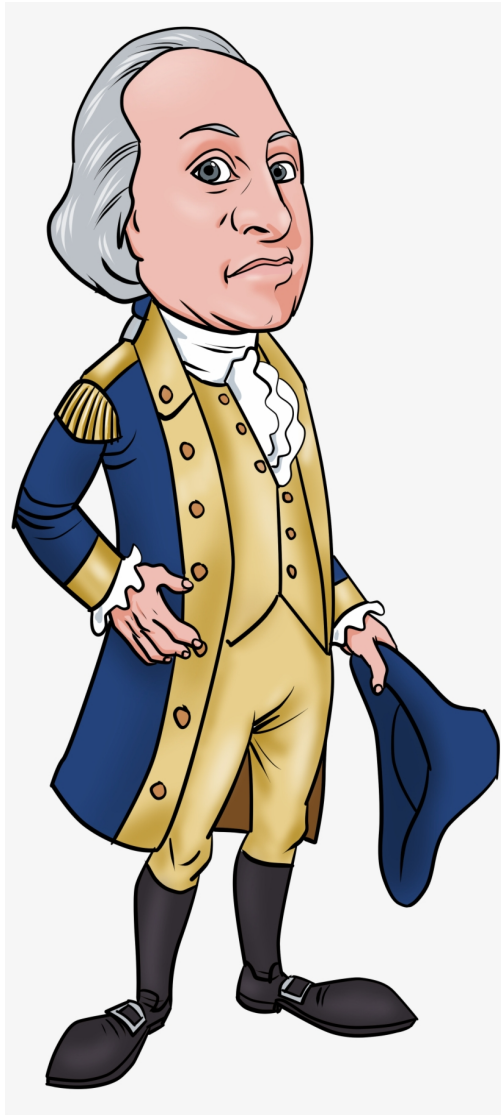
She screamed when she noticed her mouth wouldn't close.



Ok so lyric poems rhyme and they have meter. But to write a true lyric poem there's one more characteristic you need. It has to be a poem that's personal to you!



I have a great poem about my love for spiny anteaters but I can't find a rhyme for purple.



For example if I wrote a nice rhyming metered poem about George Washington that would not be a true lyric poem because it has nothing to do with me or my feelings about anything. But if I wrote a nice rhyming metered poem about my love of grilled cheese that would be a lyrical poem.



Remember that a lyric poem:

- is about a feeling or mood
- usually has end rhymes
- may sound like a song when read





**MORE
VOCABULARY
TIME!**

COUPLLET

Two lines of poetry that rhyme and have the same meter. Looks like the word “couple” since it’s made of two lines.


I like when my mother makes a gooey cheddar and onion grilled cheese
I’ll ask for another and always say please

I like when my mother makes me a grilled cheese
I’ll ask for another and always say please

I like when my mother makes grilled cheese for lunch
I’ll ask for another and always say please

INSTRUCTIONS



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- A woman in a yellow dress is performing on a stage in front of an audience. The audience is seated in rows of chairs, and the room has a brick wall and large speakers. A large white oval with a blue border is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing a list of instructions.
- I will give you some quiet time to write a couplet.
 - We'll share what we've written and see how the meter and rhyming sounds.
 - We will write another couplet on the same subject you picked for the first one and see what other details we find.