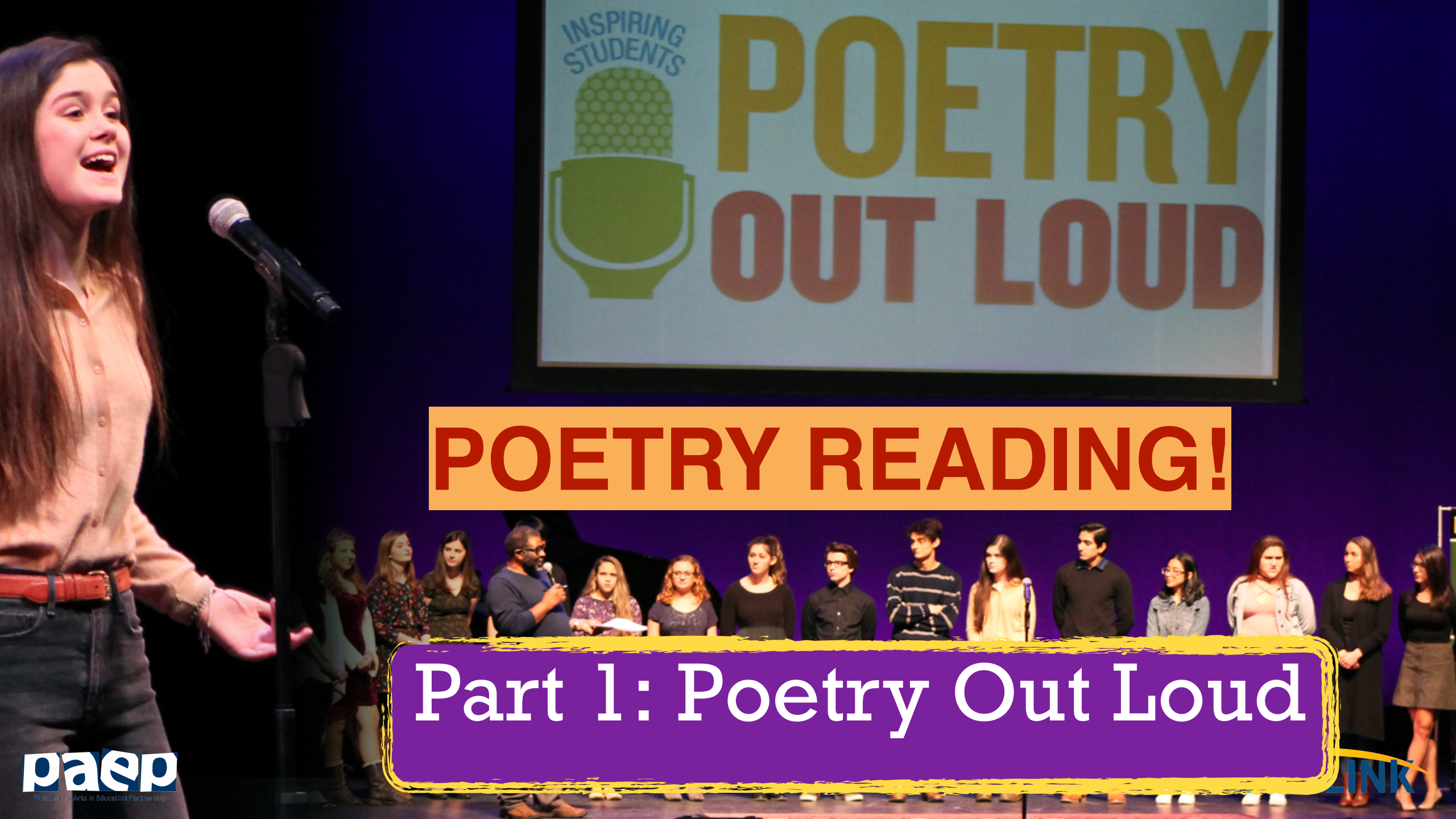




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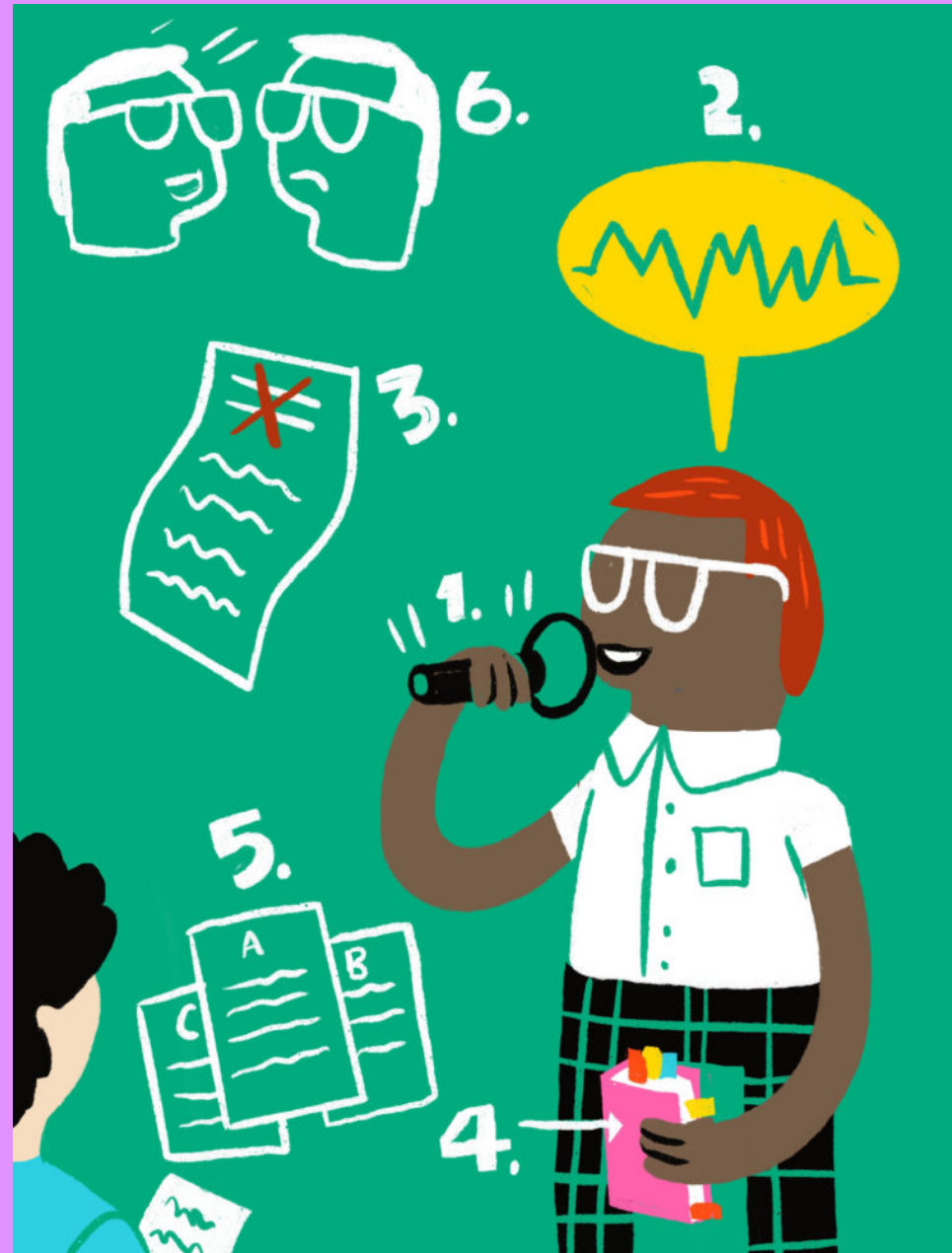


INSPIRING STUDENTS
POETRY
OUT LOUD

POETRY READING!

Part 1: Poetry Out Loud

We are delving into our new project and it's all about poetry! That may not sound like your cup of tea (IDIOM) but I think by the end you'll find that poems are easy to read and perform. And understanding them is like solving a puzzle sometimes.



A woman with dark hair, wearing a dark tank top and a light-colored skirt, stands at a microphone in a library. She is gesturing with her right hand. In the background, there are bookshelves filled with books. To her right, a group of people is seated, looking towards her. A laptop is open on a table in front of them. The scene is lit with warm, indoor lighting.

Thanks for coming out to the
Drums Elementary Poetry Jam!

By the end of four classes you all will have taken part in a poetry reading. Yes you! Even if you don't know what a reading is, or how a poem sounds, or what's the capitol of Australia... it's ok! We're going to take this one step at a time. So let's begin with...

A group of people, including a man in a white shirt and a woman in a blue shirt, are standing in a room that appears to be a classroom or office. A purple starburst graphic is overlaid on the image, containing the word "Vocab" in a yellow, textured font.

Vocab

Group poem

Creeps
in

Around my
head

The
night

A group poem is one that is performed... wait for it...by a group of people. Wild! Yes some poems are read by more than just one person. Every reader has a set part. They rehearse together so everyone knows when it's their turn to speak.

Stanza

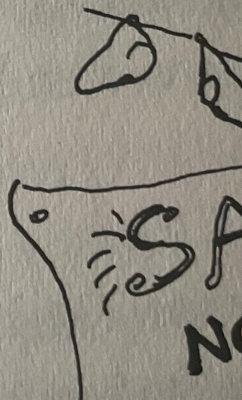
A stanza is one section of a poem. Think of it like a paragraph.

NOSE

Steven Kroll

I chose
A nose
From the pile
In the aisle.

With luck
It stuck
Adding style
To my smile.



BUILDING

Gwendolyn Brooks

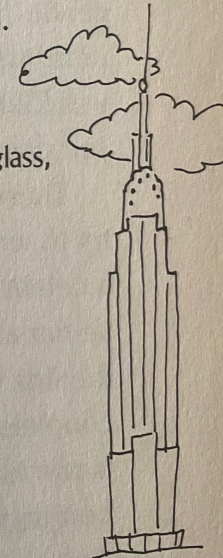
When I see a brave building
straining high, and higher,
hard and bright and sassy in the seasons,
I think of the hands that put that strength together.

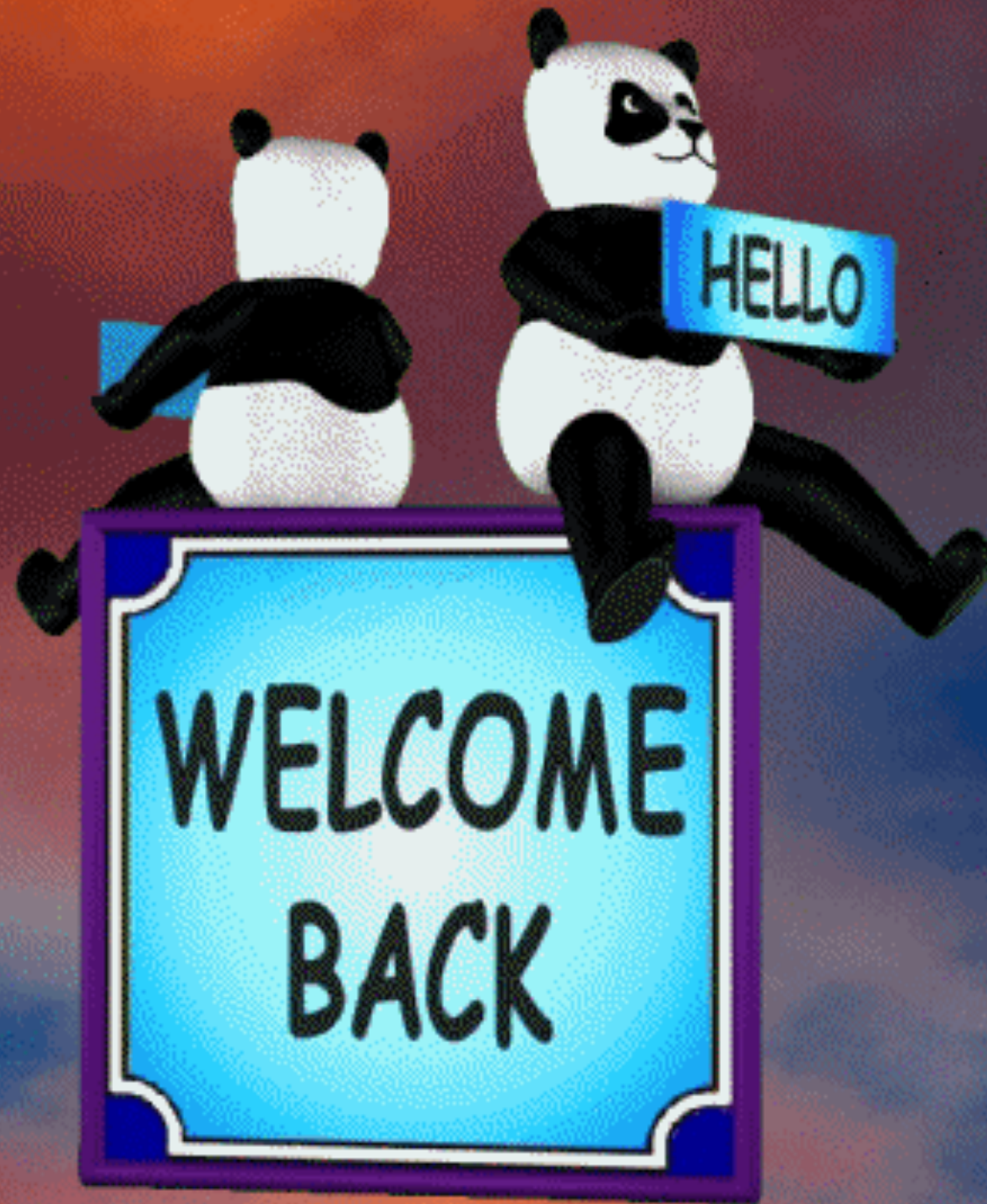
The little soft hands. Hands coming away from cold
to take a challenge and to mold this definition.

Amazingly, men and women
worked with design and judgment, steel and glass,
to enact this announcement.
Here it stands.

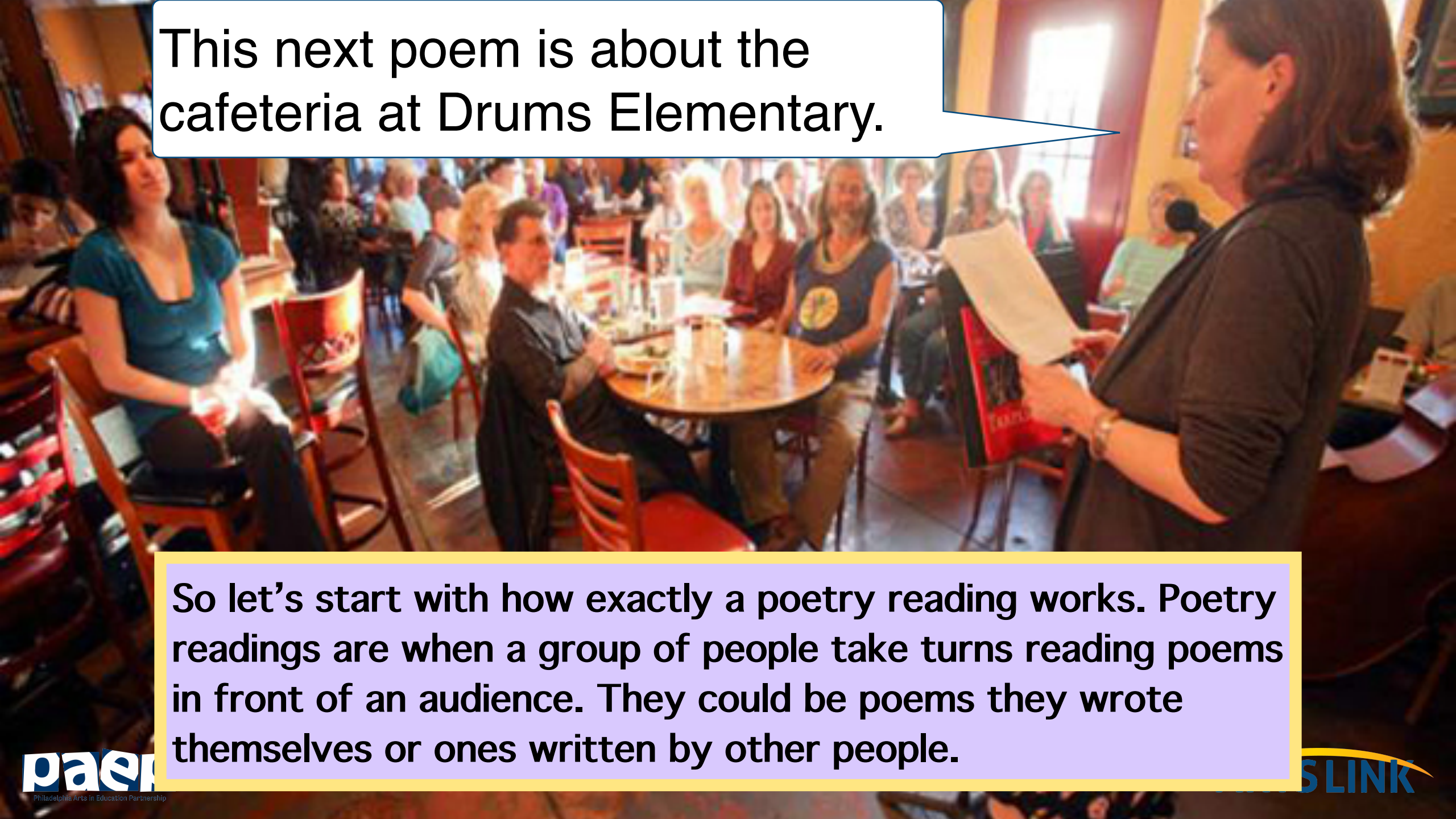
Who can construct such miracle can enact
any consolidation, any fusion.
All little people opening out of themselves,

forging the human spirit that can outwit
big Building boasting in the cityworld.

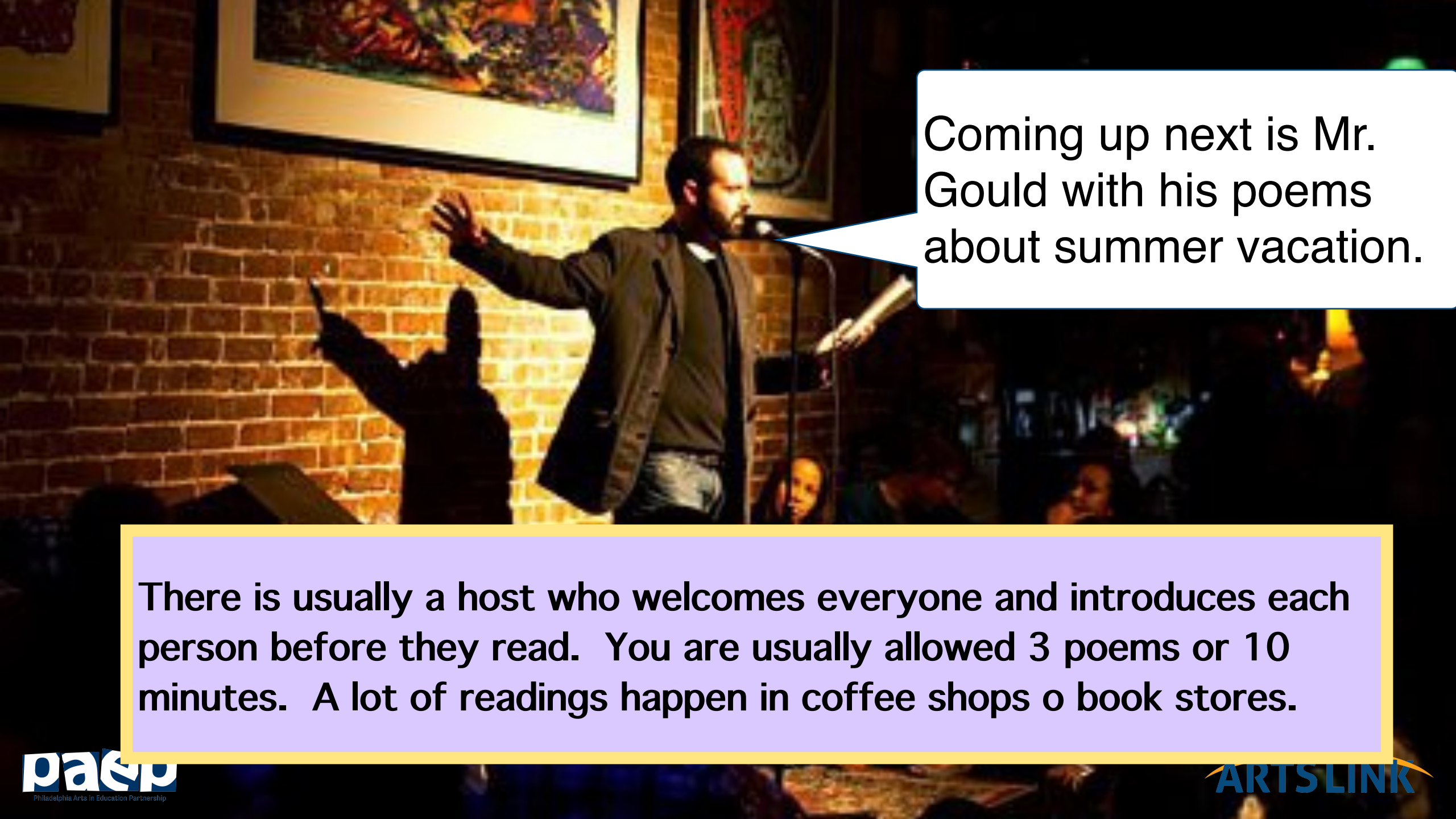




This next poem is about the cafeteria at Drums Elementary.



So let's start with how exactly a poetry reading works. Poetry readings are when a group of people take turns reading poems in front of an audience. They could be poems they wrote themselves or ones written by other people.



Coming up next is Mr. Gould with his poems about summer vacation.

There is usually a host who welcomes everyone and introduces each person before they read. You are usually allowed 3 poems or 10 minutes. A lot of readings happen in coffee shops or book stores.

It's the Super Bowl of high school poetry!



But there are also competitions where people read poems for money or prizes. One such case is the Poetry Out Loud competition. This is a contest for high school students that takes place across the country.

Pre 20th Century

The Tables Turned

William Wordsworth

Up! up! my Friend, and quit your books;
Or surely you'll grow double: ...

Talent

Layli Long Soldier

my first try I made a hit it dropped from morning gray the smallest sl
inward mid-flight the man barked *Now* I shot again and again a third

Pre 20th Century

25 Lines or Fewer

Tall Ambrosia

Henry David Thoreau

Among the signs of autumn I perceive
... man wormwood (called by learned men ...

It all started in 2005 by The National Endowment For The Arts. Each year they choose a certain number of established poems and put them on their website. If you want to compete you pick 3 poems and memorize them.

**Your going down,
Scranton! Eat dirt!**



Then your school registers and has a competition. If you win you get to compete against other schools from your area. After that you move on to compete against people from all over the state.

If you become the top reader in your state then you move onto nationals. At every level is a new group of judges to try and impress. You might represent Pennsylvania in Washington DC and now you go up against one person from every state. The winner receives \$50,000!





Rahele Megosha - South Dakota
"Breakfast" by Mary Lamb

INSTRUCTIONS



My next poem is about today's group poem instructions.

- Today you are going to get your feet wet (IDIOM) in the world of poetry readings. You will come up in groups and work together to recite stanzas that I give you.
- Don't worry about memorization. Everyone will have bite size amounts of words. Not having to worry about your words will allow you to focus more on performing.
- Together we can talk about what would work better to enhance the reading.