MY MOTHERLAND
LOOKS/TASTES/FEELS/SOUNDS/SMELLS LIKE...

MY FAMILY BRINGS
TO THIS WORLD!

I FEEL MOST AT HOME WHEN

I USE MY SUPER POWER OF
TO MAKE THIS PLANET

if you don't know where this place is, ask your parents!

draw your family here!

WRITE YOUR POET NAME HERE:
Chapter 510, in partnership with the Oakland Roots Sports Club and Yerba Buena Center for the Arts Fellows program, invites all Oakland residents to put pen to paper on Monday, April 27 for a collaborative, multigenerational all-town Epic Poetry Day!

HERE'S HOW TO TAKE PART IN OUR TOWN-WIDE EPIC POETRY DAY IF YOU'RE UNDER 13 YEARS OLD!

STEP ONE: If you have access to a computer and internet between now and April 27, watch our video with poet and teacher Perla Yasmeen Meléndez at chapter510/writeyourroots

STEP TWO: On April 27, fill out this poetry form and color it in!

STEP THREE: Email a photo of the form to info@chapter510.org so we can read your brilliant words (Bonus points if you include a picture of YOU holding your form!)

STEP FOUR: If you have INSTAGRAM, you can post a picture of your form there & remember to tag us @chapter510 #writeyourroots

STEP FIVE: Do your most celebratory dance because you just wrote a poem with all of Oakland, young and old, who are participating in this community poetry day!

If you are a parent or teen who would like to participate, we have a form online for you to fill out at chapter510.org/writeyourroots too!

THEN WHAT?
We will be compiling all lines written by Oaklanders into the longest poem ever printed! As long as a soccer field, to be exact. We will be unrolling this poem at the next Oakland Roots soccer game and at a YBCA event this summer. It will also be available online, free for all to read and enjoy.

ABOUT CHAPTER 510
Chapter 510 is a made-in-Oakland youth writing, bookmaking & publishing center. Our teaching artists and volunteers work side-by-side with educators to provide a safe space and supportive community for young people ages 6-18 to bravely write. Our vision is that every young person in Oakland writes with confidence and joy.

ABOUT OAKLAND ROOTS
More than just a club, more than just a game. Oakland Roots Sports Club seeks to harness the magic of Oakland and the beautiful game of soccer as a force for social good. Whether on the pitch, in the stands or within the community, Oakland Roots will represent our one-of-a-kind city with passion, pride, and commitment to all things Oakland. Player by player. Supporter by supporter. Resident by resident. One day at a time. One game at a time. This is about Oakland first, always.