Poetry Prompt #4
Due June 15th

Welcome to the #DewMoreInTheHouse youth poetry challenge! We hope that you will share your poem with us.

Rules & Eligibility

1. For 5th-12th graders only
2. Must reside in Baltimore City or surrounding Baltimore County
3. Poem must be original: completely thought up and produced by the youth (5th-12th grader) entering. You can be inspired by another written work, but cannot copy or plagiarize words of another.
4. No profanity
5. We are humbled that you would take the time to share your beautiful and original poem with us, but submissions after the due date are not eligible for a prize. Please look out for other poetry prompts throughout July and submit a new piece for those challenges!
6. If you win 1st place, you must sit out one round before entering again.

How to Enter!

1. Click here to fill out the registration form and choose “Youth Poetry Challenge (5th-12th Graders ONLY)”. Feel free to also click on the other options if you’re interested in participating.
2. WRITTEN: Submit your poem to info@dewmorebaltimore.org
   VIDEO: A) Follow us @dewmorepoetry B) Post it on your Instagram IGTV with #DewMoreInTheHouse. C) Be sure to make your page public for judges on the submission date
3. If you feel comfortable, also post the zip code(s) that you live in. This helps us to continue with our community programs and outreach.
4. All writing or performance styles are welcome! See samples below for ideas.
5. Winners will be announced within 2 days after the due date.
6. If you are a winner, you will be contacted to collect your information to receive your prize. Remember: you can win just by entering!
7. Stay tuned to get the next challenges due the 15th and 30th/31st of each month through July 15th. Follow us on IG, Facebook for other opportunities.

Thank you for being bold and taking the time to share your work!
Poetry Challenge Prompt #4 & Description

Writing Prompt:
If I ruled the world…

Tools and ideas to help inspire your original poem

Questions to ask yourself:
How does the thing you want to change affect you personally?
Who else will be affected by this?
Why do you want to make this change?
What does this new world look like for you?

Art has been an integral piece of every movement for change throughout history. Sometimes the artist themselves gain political power to help make the future they imagine in art possible. Several poets have been politicians, Heads of State, and Presidents throughout history, transforming their writing into political action.

Poet Heads of State to consider looking into:
- Ama Ata Aidoo
- Ras Baraka
- Patrice Lumumba
- Pablo Neruda
- Aime Cesaire
Poems in relation to this topic: *These poems can help brainstorm ideas about your new poem.

1. If I Was President by Alice Walker
2. A World in Which My Body is Elected President by Angelica Aguilera
Click here to see a performance of this poem.
3. Songs in relation to the topic:
   1. "If I was President" by Wyclef Jean
   2. "If I Ruled the World" by Nas

Manifest & Stay Blessed,
-Ephraim Nehemiah