Poetry Prompt #5
Due July 20th

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](mailto:info@dewmorebaltimore.org)
   
   VIDEO: A) Follow us @dewmorepoetry B) Post it on your Instagram IGTV with #DewMoreInTheHouse. C) Be sure to make your page is 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 #5 & Description

Writing Prompt:
What have you inherited that you no longer want to pass on to the next generation?

Tools and ideas to help inspire your original poem

Something to think about:
Protests and cries of outrage are not brand new to our community, especially when the anger is directed towards unjust crimes against innocent people. Oppression is a distasteful, and bitter fruit that has been passed down from one generation to the next.
Sometimes it feels overwhelming trying to save the world when you’re just one person. Sometimes a poem can’t change everything in this very moment but it can become a battle cry for those who feel as though they have no voice.
Social justice is not about trends or popularity. It’s about standing firm in what you believe in, and becoming more than just an individual in the moment. It’s about recognizing trauma will only go only as far as you allow it to.

Questions to ask yourself:
● Who or what will you be a symbol for?
● What do you stand for that is bigger than yourself?
● What do you refuse to pass on from the world you inherited?

Poem in relation to the topic:
1. “Emmett” by Philadelphia Youth Team

Manifest & Stay Blessed,
Grim Jackson
DewMore Baltimore