Poetry Prompt #6
Due January 8th

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 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 Jan 8th. Follow us on IG, Facebook for other opportunities.

Thank you for being bold and taking the time to share your work!
Writing Prompt:
Who you wit’? (crew love and shout outs!)

Tools and ideas to help inspire your original poem

Something to think about:

Bernie Mac is the late, great, comedian known for shouting "who you wit?" at the top of the theme song for his self-entitled tv show, *The Bernie Mac Show*. Mac’s show was a family-centered comedy showcasing the laughter, trials, and tribulations of his sister’s children who he helped raise. It’s filled with heartfelt moments and life lessons while celebrating the love and triumph of the black family unit.

‘Who you wit’ is a roll call for those in your circle, crew, or clique that you represent and who represent (or rep.) you! Now that 2020 is coming to a close, it might be nice to think about the people in your life (or even someone that you’ve never met) who has been inspirational, motivating, supportive, resilient, energizing, talented, funny, or stylish etc. So, with this poetry prompt - the last one of the year - we invite you to shout out your clique and show some love to those special people in your life! So... who YOU wit’?!!

Questions to ask yourself:

● Who in your life do you appreciate and value?
● What do you love most about your friends, loved ones, or community leaders? Science teacher, minister, store clerk, auntie, writer, dancer, bus driver...the list can go on!
● Who have you never met but would be a good fit for your clique or inner-circle? And why?
● What attributes or accomplishments about yourself are you most proud of?
● What attributes or character traits do you aspire to have for the new year?
● What are some adventures that you’d like to embark upon or goals you hope to achieve with the support of your crew in the future?

Quote to think about:

“Some people around us are energy vampires while others are energy boosters. Our bodies resonate like a tuning fork, that’s why their vibration impacts our own vibration.”
— Hina Hashmi, Your Life A Practical Guide to Happiness Peace and Fulfilment

Song in relation to the topic:

❖ “*Brown Skin Girl*” by Beyonce, Blue Ivy, SAINt JHN, WizKid

Poem in relation to the topic:

An indirect or roundabout example of affirmation or celebration

❖ “*Uncle Sam*” by Joshua Abah

Cheers to you and your crew,
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