## SLAM POETRY

What is it, anyway?

# Take A Guess...

- What do you know or think you know about slam poetry?
- What do you guess it might be?
- Share your ideas.

## **Discovering Slam...Inductively**

- Take a handout from your teacher and read over the questions in each box.
- As you watch some slam poetry performances, fill in the boxes to the best of your ability (there is no right or wrong!)
- Your Goal: Figure out what slam poetry is all about by watching some of the "masters" at work.

#### Slam #1: "Thinking About You"



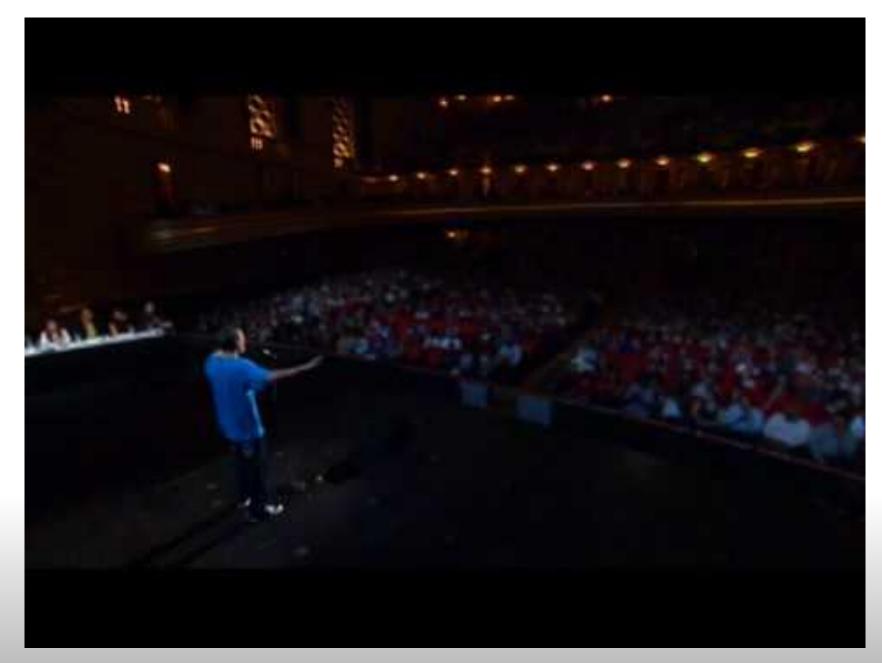
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#### Slam #2: "Hands"



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#### Slam #3: "Tourettes"



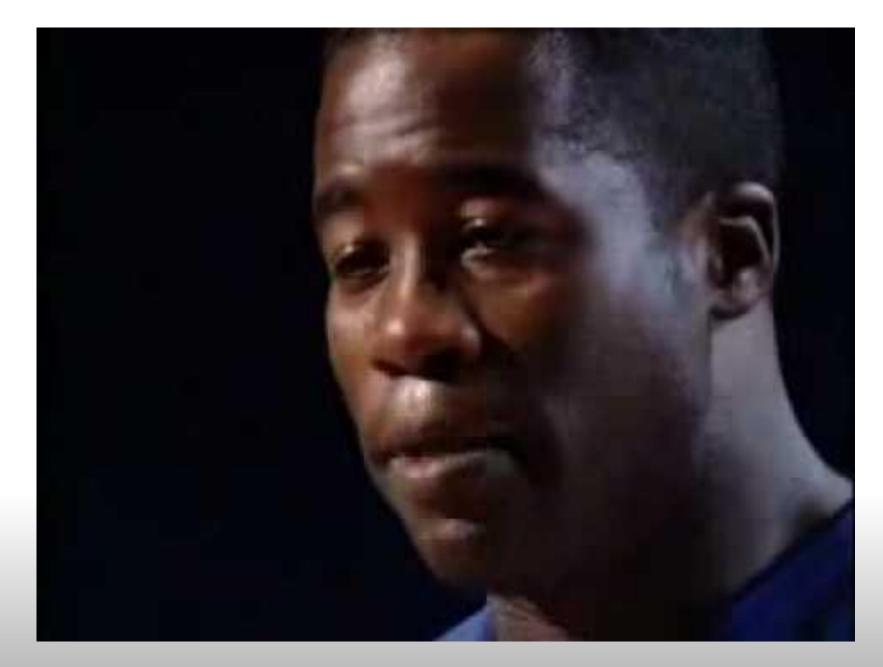
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#### Slam #4: "Dating Myself"



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#### Slam #5: "Knock Knock"



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### Complete the Handout; Discuss

- Now that you have seen several slam poems, you probably have a feel for what slam is all about.
- Share/Discuss: How did you answer the questions in each box?

## Try Your Hand at Slam

- For the next few minutes, we will all take a shot at writing a slam poem.
- Remember: It does not have to rhyme. It can be serious, or it can be funny. There are no real "rules" when it comes to writing slam poetry.

### **Potential Prompts:**

You can write about anything you'd like, but if you need an idea, try one of these:

- 1. Write about a childhood game or memory. This could be about a parent, like the "Knock Knock" or "Hands" poem.
- 2. Taking inspiration from the "Tourettes" poem, write a poem about what makes you or someone you know different or unique.
- 3. Write a poem about what <u>you</u> think about when your mind wanders off in class, like the "Thinking About You" poem.
- 4. Write a "love poem" for something you dislike.

### Share Your Slam with the Class

### Want to See or Perform LIVE SLAM?

- Come to the Youth Poetry Slam on Thursday, Nov.24<sup>th</sup> The slam is open to all high school students in the Littleton Public School District
- Slam begins at 7:00 pm in the Arapahoe High auditorium
- Tickets are \$3 for students with valid I.D. from a Littleton Public School District high school; \$5 for non-district guest
- For more information or to sign up to perform, visit (write this down!):

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