

THE POWER OF WORDS

Session Title: Twisting and Turning Language

Session Date/Time: Tuesday, July 28th
10:00am-12:00pm

Core text: *The Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo

Time / Facilitator	Activity	Materials
10:00-10:10	<p>Welcome.</p> <p>One word and facial expression to describe how you feel right now.</p> <p>Watch Youtube video (individually): Name, EA.</p> <p>Breakout rooms. Ask participants to create a quick intro that relates to their names in 8-12 words. Share in groups.</p>	<p>Youtube video</p> <p>Breakout rooms: 4 people/ random/ 10 min</p>
10:10 - 11:35	<p>Go through a series of quotes from Poet X and prompts to get them writing and then sharing in breakout rooms.</p> <p>Participants will respond to each prompt on a new page. Five prompts, therefore five pages. In a different color pen/pencil/sharpie.</p> <p>Ask one or two participants to share in between each prompt.</p> <p>Dressing thoughts: <i>“Every now and then, I dress my thoughts in the clothing of a poem. Try to figure out if my world changes once I set down these words.</i> <i>“This was the first time someone gave me a place to collect my thoughts. In some ways, it seemed like he was saying that my thoughts were important.” (41)</i></p> <p>Prompt: How do you dress your thoughts? Where do you place your thoughts?</p> <p>Room to grow: <i>“I once heard a rumor that goldfish have an evolutionary gene where they’ll only develop as big as the tank they’re put</i></p>	<p>Link to slides: http://www.habla.teacherinstitute.org/documentation/merida2020/files/2020/07/Twisting-and-Turning-Prompts.pdf</p> <p>Colored pens /pencils/sharpies</p>



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	<p><i>into. They need space to stretch. And I wonder if Twin and I are keeping each other small. Taking up space that would have let the other grow.” (74)</i></p> <p>Prompt: What is keeping you from stretching/developing/growing?</p> <p>Taking space: <i>“I let my body finally take up all of the space it wants.” (79)</i></p> <p>Prompt: How do you inhabit different spaces? Where are you small? Where are you big? Where are you just right? Make a list of actual places or people.</p> <p>Bridges: <i>“And even that young I learned that music can become a bridge between you and a total stranger.” (83)</i></p> <p>Prompt: What are your bridges?</p> <p>Freedom: <i>“There is freedom in coming and going for no other reason than because you can. There is freedom in choosing to sit and be still when everything is always telling you to move, move fast.” (247)</i></p> <p>Prompt: (from the book): When was the last time you felt free?</p> <p>Light: <i>“I only know that learning to believe in the power of my own words has been the most freeing experience of my life. It has brought me the most light. And isn’t that what a poem is? A lantern glowing in the dark.” (357)</i></p> <p>Prompt: What brings you light? Create a list.</p>	
11:35-11:40	Main Room: Stretch - keep a pose and take a screenshot	
11:40-11:55	Participants will share the story of their object in new break-out rooms.	Participants’ chosen objects



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		Break-out Room MAX 3 participants/ random/ 15 min
11:55 - 12:05	Debrief morning. Use Rose, Thorn, and Bud protocol. Menti: https://www.menti.com/fsuhguazs8 Rose - What was the highlight of your day? Thorn - What went wrong during your day? Bud - What are you looking forward to tomorrow?	

