

Kendra Smith
AP Lang
Period 3
10/29/17

Age of the Innocent

I was lost in a dream as I write this¹
Trying to imagine the world with such bliss
I'd love to go back to when we played as kids²
Curious for frogs, birds, and pyramids
Innocent, never guilty³

Years passed, change happened
We were no longer wild and free
No time to think
Of another breeze and the trade winds soft through the sighing trees⁴

Let America be the dream the dreamers dreamed⁵
Through blood and toil, some hopes redeemed
Strength and courage,
Faith and pain,
The song of freedom does not stain

Although it seems heaven-sent⁶
Where is the Love⁷
All the power's in the hands⁸
Of a man who cannot always
bless this land
My dreams must come true⁹
But, Perhaps it's just pretend¹⁰

¹ "Neighbors" by J. Cole

² "Changes" by Tupac Shakur

³ "Two-Sided Politics"

⁴ "Caged Bird" by Maya Angelou

⁵ "Let America Be America Again" by Langston Hughes

⁶ "I Wonder If Heaven Got A Ghetto" by 2Pac

⁷ "Where is the Love" by The Black Eyed Peas

⁸ "White Riot" by Clash

⁹ "The Negro Mother" by Langston Hughes

¹⁰ "Pretend" by R. Miranda

Flying High

The American dream, what does it mean?
No longer all for one, one for all
*Where is the love*¹, does it even exist?
After all, you deserve to be a queen
However *underneath it all, we're just savages*²

Hypocritical, is all we are
Discrimination a curse we utter
In our *perfect played rehearsal*³
They say history repeats itself
*This is merely the beginning again*⁴

*Imagine all the people sharing all the world*⁵
Scrambled in the neverending jumble
We are deaf to the cries for help erupting around us
Shut up in our own small minds like a prison cell
*For the caged bird sings of freedom*⁶

Races clash and oppose each other
Just as *olive branches in the arrow seal*⁷
They say *I see blood on the leaves*⁸
From what? We do not see
When it's too late we see it is our noose that holds this plea

*Never let go of your heart, or the place you started*⁹
That's the nation's motto, what we've always lived by
What is an American? Naturally discriminatory
We can never comprehend others' pain
*All we got is hope!*¹⁰

¹ "Where is the Love?" by the Black Eyed Peas

² "Savages" by Marina and the Diamonds

³ "Pretend" by R. Miranda

⁴ "Everybody" by Logic

⁵ "Imagine" by John Lennon

⁶ "Caged Bird" by Maya Angelou

⁷ "America" by Logic

⁸ "New Slaves" by Kanye West

⁹ "Never Let Go" by the Wu-Tang-Clan

¹⁰ "Hope" by Twista

Let my land be a land where Liberty¹
Liberates our losses
Conscious change contemplated often
Don't follow me²
May freedom come through wedding rings
Cooperation leads to greater things

Stop searching controversy³
American greed leaves us thirsty
Bearing witness on our own business⁴
Unaware of our indifference
What's wrong with the world we have⁵
Perhaps it's all just pretend⁶

And everybody's doing what they're told⁷
Trapped in a bubble, head under a cone
More daily division
Absence of hope
Self preservation the way to cope.

Patriotism fills my God saved soul
Individualistic without help, living alone
Oppression sprinkled society
The way it is, how it's supposed to be.⁸

One day things might be different
More massacres eliminate indecision
With a fearful trill of things unknown⁹
We keep on living, the work undone¹⁰

¹ Let America be America Again

² Neighbors

³ America

⁴ I Wonder If Heaven Got A Ghetto

⁵ Where is the Love

⁶ Pretend

⁷ White Riot

⁸ Changes

⁹ Caged Bird

¹⁰ The Negro Mother

Wise Men and Fools

*I was lost in a dream as I write this*¹
*A dream of faith and of pain*²
One of blood and of bliss
A dream of our American soul

Within we hold a hope of warmth and peace
In the *homeland of the free*³
A dream that we'll all get a piece
Of the love and the *guidance from above*⁴

But *With the certainty of tides*⁵
And the sureness of the moon
Our people will always divide
We will fight, bleed, preach, we will cry

Somedays *the valley is filled with tears*⁶
*The children hurt and you hear them cryin'*⁷
You can see it in their palms: the hurt and the fears
Yet we will not allow anyone to *draw their veil across our stars*⁸

Some may stand *on the grave of dreams*⁹
Yet we stand on the graves of those before us
*Whose sweat and blood*¹⁰ sewed the seams
Of our nation of hope and blessings

And *with the certainty of tides*¹¹
With the sureness of the sun
Our people will rise

¹ "Neighbors" by J Cole

² "Let America be America Again" by Langston Hughes

³ "Let America be America Again" by Langston Hughes

⁴ "Where is the Love" by The Black Eyed Peas

⁵ "Still I Rise" by Maya Angelou

⁶ "Let America be America Again" by Langston Hughes

⁷ "Where is the Love" by The Black Eyed Peas

⁸ "Let America be America Again" by Langston Hughes

⁹ "Caged bird" by Maya Angelou

¹⁰ "Let America be America Again" by Langston Hughes

¹¹ "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" by Maya Angelou

→ TURN

"The American"
Jane McBride

Children, gather around. I've got something to say.
I'll tell you the story of the long dark way¹
The hero works his fingers bloody just to have his say
While the rest bring the gifts that their ancestors gave²
(Keep an eye out for that metaphorical grave.)

Children, it comes straight from a dream.
Kings connive and tyrants scheme³
The hero shouts on a nightmare scream⁴
Dirty politics never come clean⁵
(What did you expect? We live to demean.)

Children, the masters make the rules⁶
But the hero riots outside the schools
And the rest of them? They look like fools
They ask, when will the violence cease?⁷
(When you can put yourself together like a puzzle piece.)

Children, pick your body, one that's big and strong⁸
You can be the hero, unless you've chosen wrong
Someday they'll be working on your theme song
But only if you keep the mask on
(And don't let them make you a chess pawn.)

Children, remember love is our sole duty
How can the Devil take a brother if he's close to me?⁹
I don't believe in the dream so sue me
Protect yourself in that everyday war¹⁰
(God save you if you forget what you were fighting for.)

¹ "The Negro Mother" by Langston Hughes

² "Still I Rise" by Maya Angelou

³ "Let America Be America Again" by Langston Hughes

⁴ "Caged Bird" by Maya Angelou

⁵ "América" by Logic

⁶ "It's Alright, Ma (I'm Only Bleeding)" by Bob Dylan

⁷ "I Wonder If Heaven Got a Ghetto" by Tupac

⁸ "Pretend" by R. Miranda

⁹ "Changes" by Tupac

¹⁰ "Two-Sided Politics" by Mike Muir

Daybreak

*I was lost in a dream as I write this¹
A dream where we are free
Leaving behind nights of terror
Into a daybreak that wondrously clear²*

*So often we feel trapped
Our fear keeps us condemned
The world outside these walls...
So distant, yet so near³*

*I'ma tell you what what I need right now
I'ma tell you what we all need⁴
A little hope and air
So we can finally breath*

*There is struggle and pain
It's been going on for years, there's plenty more⁵
But opportunity is real, and life is free⁶
Let your soul gravitate to the love⁷*

*The orange sun rays⁸
They glow across the valley
Open up your eyes to the world
Don't say that all is lost⁹*

*Sometimes, the valley was filled with tears¹⁰
But we can't let that weigh us down
There is pain in the past and fear for the future
Imagine all the people living for today¹¹*

¹ "Neighbors" by J. Cole

² "Still I Rise" by Maya Angelou

³ "Pretend" by R. Miranda

⁴ "America" by Logic

⁵ "I Wonder if Heaven Got a Ghetto" by Tupac

⁶ "Let America Be America Again" by Langston Hughes

⁷ "Where is the Love" by the Black Eyed Peas

⁸ "Caged Bird" by Maya Angelou

⁹ "Sarajero" by George Watsky

¹⁰ "The Negro Mother" by Langston Hughes

¹¹ "Imagine" by John Lennon

Kyler Weaver
November 2, 2017
AP Lang and Composition
Period 3

Finding Our America Again

America, the land of the free, the home of the brave
where the birds sing and the kids are free to play
but where the different races don't think and act the same.

Carrying in my body the seed of the free¹
let people live their life and how they truly want to be
nothing is going to change
unless we share with each other.²

This dark diction has become America's addiction³
people judging others based on their color has caused much friction
it's been going on for years, there's plenty more⁴
unless you control yourself.⁵

Let it be the dream it used to be⁶
in the shadow of a nation that it once was⁷
man, you gotta have love just to set it straight.⁸

Americans need to set each other free and let people be
I wish I could escape these thoughts⁹
but some things you can't escape.¹⁰

Let America be America again¹¹
where people are free to live their lives and
without anyone to criticize.

¹ "The Negro Mother" by Langston Hughes

² "Changes" by Tupac Shakur

³ "Crack Music" by Kanye West

⁴ "I Wonder If Heaven Got A Ghetto" by 2Pac

⁵ "Two- Sided Politics" by Suicidal Tendencies

⁶ "Let America Be America Again" by Langston Hughes

⁷ "Black Thought"

⁸ "Where is the Love" by The Black Eyed Peas

⁹ "Pretend" by R. Miranda

¹⁰ "Neighbors" by J. Cole

¹¹ "Let America Be America Again" by Langston Hughes

Found Poem

*I live in a world¹
That's overrun by government and
In the shadow of a nation that it once was²*

*Although the masters make the rules³
Us citizens are the fools,
Because all the power's in the hands
Of people rich enough to buy it⁴*

*I'm not anti- tradition⁵
I just want this oppression to end,
People killin', People dyin⁶
Our government isn't actually trying.*

*We gotta start making changes⁷
And teach the people that they have the power to fight⁸
Because if we don't
Society might never see the light.*

*It's this society that make⁹
All the news that we receive fake,
So Let America be America again¹⁰
If we let it.*

Let us realize that we can fix us.

¹ "Pretend," R. Miranda

² "Black Thought," Logic

³ "It's Alright Ma," Bob Dylan

⁴ "White Riot"

⁵ "Two- Sided Politics," Suicidal Tendencies

⁶ "Where is the Love," Black Eyed Peas

⁷ "Changes," Tupac

⁸ "Black Thought," Logic

⁹ "Neighbors," J. Cole

¹⁰ "Let America be America Again," Langston Hughes

We Are

We are who we are, America the brave
The kings that connive, to gage a tyrants scheme¹
I am the people, humble, hungry, mean--²
Of profit, power, gain, or grab the land³
We scheme the scheme of American dreams

We see no change, no development in echos
There are no changes, *but racist faces*
*Misplaced hate makes disgrace to races*⁴
The world is turned, it ain't our little oyster,
Cause changes may not exist, *but that's the way it is*⁵

Yet sometimes I wonder if it's better to be here⁶
They say that prison holds such mean and hardened men⁷
If so, perhaps it's just pretend⁸
Some things you can't escape, this society that makes you a candidate⁹
But one who stalks a cage can seldom see through his bars of rage¹⁰

So we'll be who we'll be, lackluster nation
Can you practice what you preach without discrimination?¹¹
Cause all the time, people got me questionin'¹²
Will you remember our pain, sweat, despair without second-guessing?¹³
I just want to be free¹⁴ now please be honest and tell me,
Where is the love?¹⁵

¹ "It's Alright, Ma (I'm only bleeding)" by Bob Dylan

² "Let America Be America Again" by Langston Hughes

³ "Let America Be America Again" by Langston Hughes

⁴ "I Wonder If Heaven Got A Ghetto" by 2Pac and Maxee

⁵ "Changes" by 2Pac

⁶ "Pretend" by R. Miranda

⁷ "Pretend" by R. Miranda

⁸ "Pretend" by R. Miranda

⁹ "Neighbors" by J. Cole

¹⁰ "Caged Bird" by Maya Angelou

¹¹ "Where Is The Love" by The Black Eyed Peas

¹² "Where Is The Love" by The Black Eyed Peas

¹³ "The Negro Mother" by Langston Hughes

¹⁴ "Two-Sided Politics" by Suicidal Tendencies

¹⁵ "Where Is The Love" by The Black Eyed Peas

Kathryn Edgington
November 1, 2017
AP Language and Composition
Period 3

The American Dream

We live in the land
Of the free
And the home
Of the brave

*Of things unknown but longed for still*¹
Because all that matters
Is paying the bill

*All the power's in the hands*²
Of the rich and the wealthy
People keep telling us
This isn't healthy

*That mask that has the smile*³
The one that's only fake
We thought we made it
But we give less than we take

*Even when your plaques hang on a wall*⁴
Proving your success
Your accomplishments--
Were all brought forth from stress

*Through my children, I'm reaching the goal*⁵
I couldn't do it
So I'll give them the role

*And that's how it's supposed to be*⁶

¹ "Caged Bird" by Maya Angelou

² "White Riot" by The Clash

³ "Pretend" by R. Miranda

⁴ "Neighbors" by J. Cole

⁵ "The Negro Mother" by Langston Hughes

⁶ "Changes" by Tupac

*The dream the dreamers dreamed*⁷

It's Manifest Destiny

But only if you take the time

To invest the money

*Of mighty crush the weak*⁸

Is it the wealth gap?

Low paying jobs

It's only a trap

*Surrounded by the trees and the Ivy League*⁹

Because a good education

Can only come with fatigue

*You're a hero*¹⁰

But only if your bank account

Isn't at zero

*Everything I do, I do it right*¹¹

This is our country

And it's a good thing we're white

*Bent out of shape from society's pliers*¹²

We are the same

Conformity never expires

*And that's how it's supposed to be*¹³

⁷ "Let America Be America Again" by Langston Hughes

⁸ "Let America Be America Again" by Langston Hughes

⁹ "Neighbors" by J. Cole

¹⁰ "Two-Sided Politics" by Suicidal Tendencies

¹¹ "America" by Logic

¹² "It's Alright, Ma (I'm Only Bleeding)" by Bob Dylan

¹³ "Changes" by Tupac

RayAnn Wilkins
Period 3
AP Lang
Found Poem
10/26/17

Making Changes

To believe that *race might live and grow*¹
Something I never want to know.
*No safety, no love, no respect am I due*²
*I see no changes all I see is racist faces*³

*All traces are removed of the frightened boy inside,*⁴
Protecting myself *in everyday war.*⁵
*Overseas, yeah, we try to stop terrorism*⁶
Do you want something more?

*I got nothing to live up to.*⁷
Nothing for show.
*All the power's in the hands of people rich enough to buy it*⁸
*The only time they see us, we be on the news in chains*⁹

*Seeking a home where myself is free.*¹⁰
I want nothing more but
*To teach the people that they have the power to fight*¹¹
*And his tune is heard.*¹²

Speak out loud,
Let your voice be heard.

¹ "The Negro Mother" by Langston Hughes

² "The Negro Mother" by Langston Hughes

³ "I Wonder If Heaven Got A Ghetto" by Tupac

⁴ "Pretend" by R. Miranda

⁵ "Two-Sided Politics" by Suicidal Tendencies

⁶ "Where is the Love" by The Black Eyed Peas

⁷ "It's Alright, Ma (I'm Only Bleeding)" by Bob Dylan

⁸ "White Riot" by The Clash

⁹ "Neighbors" by J. Cole

¹⁰ "Let America Be America Again" by Langston Hughes

¹¹ "America" by Logic

¹² "Caged Bird" by Maya Angelou

*I never had a chance in this world*¹³

I was just a *caged bird*¹⁴

But you now do

So spread your wings and fly

¹³ "America" by Logic

¹⁴ "Caged Bird" by Maya Angelou

Found Poem

'Here on Earth, tell me what's a black life worth? 1
A bottle of juice is no excuse, the truth hurts 1
No safety, no love, no respect was I due 2
Is all the hell that I go through.

This dark diction has become America's addiction 3
Isolating me making me seem like a criminal
Still bar you the way, and deny you life 2
Making me fear every cop in sight

No, I never had a chance in this world, I was labeled a bad one 4
Sometimes I wish I was white instead
But I kept on trudging through the lonely years 2
Praying someday I could stop the tears

1 " I Wonder If Heaven Got A Ghetto" -2Pac
2- Negro Mother- Langston Hughes
3- Crack Music- Kanye West & The Game
4-Black Thought- Logic

Fall

Sam K.

Mumbles in the lonely dark,¹
And laughter rippled pools
Frantically, I search and find,²
That I don't make the rules.³

Walk the streets in silence⁴
Are we how it's supposed to be;⁵
The branches in the arrow's heart,⁶
Formed and fletched from the same tree?⁷

But there in, the nightbound wave⁸
Cresting troughs, a throat to sing⁹
A rising soul, a falling mind,
Eden's fruit fit for a king.¹⁰

And the lonely laughter's lullaby
Insanity's a crown
How much crying does it take to learn:
The verb controls the noun.

Perhaps you'll count the stars
As you're dreaming for a chance
But as you die you'll learn they're music notes,
And you were supposed to dance.

Magnified at chaos
One point, one wave, one soul
For the present is a craft
And the wake has no control.

Progress is a fear of now
For we are lightning in the rain
And isn't it a tragedy
Some wait till death to go insane.

¹ Let America Be America Again -Langston Hughes

² Pretend -R. Miranda

³ It's Alright, Ma (I'm Only Bleeding) -Bob Dylan

⁴ White Riot -The Clash

⁵ Changes -Tupac Shakur

⁶ America -Logic

⁷ Crack Music -Kanye West

⁸ The Negro Mother -Langston Hughes

⁹ Caged Bird -Maya Angelou

¹⁰ Neighbors -J. Cole

The Status Quo
~~Found Poem~~

People say equality is in the air we breathe¹
But all I see is racist faces²
Hiding behind layers of fakeness.
How could we let this happen?³
The world is breaking down.

People stuck in the status quo
Everybody's doin just what they're told⁴
Not thinking for themselves
Developed like robots of society
I see no changes⁵ to come in the near future.

But I have these thoughts⁶
That maybe someday we can put aside our differences
And fight the power⁷
The power of these racist faces
Let your soul gravitate to the love⁸

You may say I'm a dreamer⁹
But really, I'm the rational thinker
Breaking the walls of the status quo
I sing of freedom¹⁰ and equality
For those who who deserve it most

¹ "Let America Be America Again" by Langston Hughes

² "I wonder if Heaven Got a Ghetto" by Tupac

³ "Crack Music" by Kanye West

⁴ "White Riot" by The Clash

⁵ "Changes" by Tupac

⁶ "Car Radio" by Twenty One Pilots

⁷ "America" by Logic

⁸ "Where is the Love" by The Black Eyed Peas

⁹ "Imagine" by John Lennon

¹⁰ "Caged Bird" by Maya Angelou

False Image

*A free bird leaps*¹
*We just tryna party holmes*²
But darkness always creeps
throughout some people's homes

An image of freedom
*Shining through the lonely years*³
if you only have love for one kingdom
All you will cause is fear

*People despise their jobs, destinies*⁴
Yet don't try to find the lining
*"Send me some guidance please"*⁵
Start focusing on climbing

But still we think we're free
*Just doing what we're told*⁶
*That's how it's supposed to be?*⁷
*The animal in his cage is getting old*⁸

*These thoughts are running*⁹
streaking through my head
*Unless we start sharing*¹⁰
You, Me, and the world are gonna be dead
*Let America be the dream again*¹¹
*I just wanna be free*¹²

¹ Caged Bird By Maya Angelou

² Crack Music By Kanye West

³ The Negro Mother By Langston Hughes

⁴ It's Alright, Ma (I'm Only Bleeding) By Bob Dylan

⁵ Where is the Love By The Black Eyed Peas

⁶ White Riot By The Flash

⁷ Changes By Tupac

⁸ Pretend By R. Miranda

⁹ Pretend By R. Miranda

¹⁰ Changes By Tupac

¹¹ Let America Be America Again By Langston Hughes

¹² Two-Sided Politics

Jeffrey Roberts
AP Lang
Period 3
11/1/17

The Stuff in Your Pocket

Just like moons and like suns,¹
Things move as time does
But things changed, and that's the way it is²
Get a medal, you're a hero³

He came to work for cash
If only sleep was welcome⁴
Hands up for the 5-0⁵
He won a gamble

He names the sky his own⁶
All the power's in the hands⁷
A young man, full of strength and hope,⁸
And it's fit for a king, right?⁹

As he lay there he said
Remember my sweat, my pain, my despair¹⁰
Don't do the things that I have done
In the USA, the big CIA¹¹

Don't waste your time
Money's not everything
Enjoy your life
Strive for what is right

¹ "Still I Rise" by Maya Angelou

² "Changes" by Tupac Shakur

³ "Two-Sided Politics" by Suicidal Tendencies

⁴ "Pretend" by R. Miranda

⁵ "America" By Logic

⁶ "Caged Bird" by Maya Angelou

⁷ "White Riot" by The Clash

⁸ "Let America Be America Again" by Langston Hughes

⁹ "Neighbors" by J. Cole

¹⁰ "The Negro Mother" by Langston Hughes

¹¹ "Where is the Love" by The Black Eyed Peas

The fight for the American Dream

Don't you see me broken?¹
 Wanting to say how I feel?
 Wanting to live equal?
 It seems surreal.

Pull the trigger kill a nigga he's a hero.²
 Use self defense, go to jail.
 Everybody's doing what they're told.³

Wake the fuck up and give the people what they want⁴
 No, open your eyes and do what's right.

God put a song and a prayer in my mouth.⁵
 To fight for our ancestors from the South.
 Make a change for your people,
 And protect yourself in everyday war.⁶

1 "Still I rise" by Maya Angelou

2 "Changes" by Tupac Shakur

3 "White Riot" by The Clash

4 "America" by Logic

5 "The Negro Mother" Langston Hughes

6 "Two Sided Politics" Suicidal Tendencies

But I got to say what we need to say,⁷
I got lost in the American Dream.⁸
As the day progresses, the others come and go.⁹
But I stay here, fighting for what I know.

I see no changes, all I see is racist faces.¹⁰
America needs to keep fighting,
For the future of the citizens.

⁷ "America" by Logic

⁸ "Neighbors" J.Cole

⁹ "Pretend" by R. Miranda

¹⁰ "I wonder if Heaven Got A Ghetto" 2Pac

Begin Again

*What's wrong with the world?*¹
Letting hundreds feel like they are expendable.
A world based on *dog eat dog, of mighty crush the weak*²
The weak having no choice but to watch through *bars of rage*³
Created by a broken promise
Sustained by a *perfect played rehearsal*.⁴

*Except the dream that's almost dead today*⁵
Keeps these people's fear at bay.
That seems to be the only reason they stay.
We need to nourish *the dream that nothing could smother*⁶
And *just be happy that as a people we can begin again*.⁷
To improve our nation to truly stand for the free.

*To teach the people that they have the power to fight*⁸
*To make of these years a torch for tomorrow*⁹
*To make life worth livin'*¹⁰.
Because *misplaced hate brings disgrace to races*¹¹
*Throw a little something onto the pulpit*¹²
To apologize for making some feel like misfits

*Just be happy that as a people we can begin again*¹³
And begin to right the many wrongs we have committed,
*Use self expression*¹⁴ to help those around
That had been discriminated against.

¹ Black Eyed Peas. "Where is the Love?"

² Hughes, Langston. "Let America Be America Again."

³ Angelou, Maya. "Caged Bird"

⁴ Miranda, R. "Pretend"

⁵ Hughes, Langston. "Let America Be America Again"

⁶ Hughes, Langston. "The Negro Mother"

⁷ Logic. "America"

⁸ Logic. "America"

⁹ Hughes Langston. "The Negro Mother"

¹⁰ Tupac. "I Wonder If Heaven Got A Ghetto"

¹¹ Tupac. "Changes"

¹² West, Kanye. "Crack Music"

¹³ Logic. "America"

¹⁴ Suicidal Tendencies. "Two Sided Politics"

Kolby Carothers
AP Language
Period 3
Gamache
27 October 2017

An Everyday War

Here we are *in an everyday war*¹
With ourselves
With our neighbor
With our world
This is what we should be fearful for

*Teach the people that they have the power to fight*²
But all it does is *generates hate*³
Everywhere you go
Everything you hear
Only about the gunfights

*While we walk the street*⁴
While we sit at home
We see the people *on the news in chains*⁵
Where'd this violence come from?
Why are we stuck on repeat?

*That mask that has the smile*⁶
Is plastered on every person
But *look at my face - dark as the night -*⁷
I'm asking what's *made America the land it has become*⁸
Because this mask is becoming a lifestyle

This violence can't control
*Anyone that lives*⁹ anymore
*We gotta start makin' changes*¹⁰
Before we begin standing *on the grave of dreams*¹¹
And before we're destroyed as a whole

¹ "Two-Sided Politics" by Suicidal Tendencies

² "America" by Logic

³ "Where is the Love?" by The Black Eyed Peas

⁴ "White Riot" by The Clash

⁵ "Neighbors" by J. Cole

⁶ "Pretend" by R. Miranda

⁷ "The Negro Mother" by Langston Hughes

⁸ "Let America Be America Again" by Langston Hughes

⁹ "It's Alright, Ma (I'm Only Bleeding)" by Bob Dylan

¹⁰ "Changes" by Tupac Shakur

¹¹ "Caged Bird" by Maya Angelou

Abby Groover
AP Lang & Comp
11/2/17

Found Poem

They call it a war on drugs,
It's a war on us
*I want G's so you label me a criminal*¹
*Ronald Reagan cooked up an answer*²
When our heros or heroins got hooked on heroin,
Back in the hood it's a different type of chemical ~~crack music~~
*Give the crack to the kids who the hell cares*³

Freedom of speech, freedom of thought
Land of hypocrisy, not for me
*Don't know what I was thinkin'*⁴
I just want to be free

*There has never been equality for me*⁵

I am the negro bearing slavery's scars
154 years later and it's all we see
Are you going backwards?
*Or are you going forwards?*⁶

America was never America to me

*Protect yourself in everyday war*⁷
*The Bloods and the Crips and the KKK*⁸
*Semi automatic bullets in the night*⁹
*God Damn, its a mother***** riot*
*We gotta start making changes*¹⁰

*Hanging from the same tree ever since*¹¹

*So much for integration*¹²

¹ "Wonder if heaven got a ghetto" By Tupac

² "Crack Music" By Kanye

³ "Changes" By Tupac

⁴ "Neighbors" J. Cole

⁵ "Let America Be America Again" By Langston Hughes

⁶ "White Riot" by The Clash

⁷ "Two Sided Politics"

⁸ "Where is the Love" By the Black Eyed Peas

⁹ "Black Though"

¹⁰ "Changes" By Tupac

¹¹ "Crack Music" By Kanye

¹² "Neighbors" J Cole

So much for immigration
So much for "the land of the free"
It's all hypocrisy to me

Jade Fell
AP Lang / Comp
Period 3 /
2 November 2017

"Dreams"

You may say I'm a dreamer ¹
But you could fill up the sea with the dreams I don't know ²
I'm forced to deal with what I feel ³
And it's that we're all battling our own dreams ⁴

We need to take a little break just to annotate our own dreams ⁵
Are dreams in our blood, are they running in our veins? ⁶
Are they running in our genes, are they in our DNA? ⁷
They tell me that I'm living with the monster of my dreams ⁸

Oh dear, I don't know if we know why we're here ⁹
Maybe it's all a just dream
"I have a dream"
You have a dream
We all have a dream

Let it become reality
Take the evil out the people, they'll be dreaming the 'right way' ¹⁰
Greatest gift I ever learned is helpin' someone else achieve their dreams ¹¹
You feel fully fulfilled 'cause you forget about yourself and your dreams ¹²

Why are there pieces of this American dream that don't belong ¹³
People killin' dreams, dreams dyin' ¹⁴
I'm not afraid of God, I am afraid of the wrong man's dream ¹⁵
Wish God never gave the men that power ¹⁶

¹ "Imagine" by John Lennon

² "Sarajevo" by Watsky

³ "Car Radio" by 21 Pilots

⁴ "Car Radio" by 21 Pilots

⁵ "Neighbors" by J. Cole

⁶ "Savages" by Marina and the Diamonds

⁷ "Savages" by Marina and the Diamonds

⁸ "Sarajevo" by Watsky

⁹ "Car Radio" by 21 Pilots

¹⁰ "Changes" by Tupac

¹¹ "Wednesday Morning" by Macklemore

¹² "Wednesday Morning" by Macklemore

¹³ "Where is the Love" by The Black Eyed Peas

¹⁴ "Where is the Love" by The Black Eyed Peas

¹⁵ "Savages" by Marina and the Diamonds

¹⁶ "Hope" by Twista

