

# APRIL IS NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

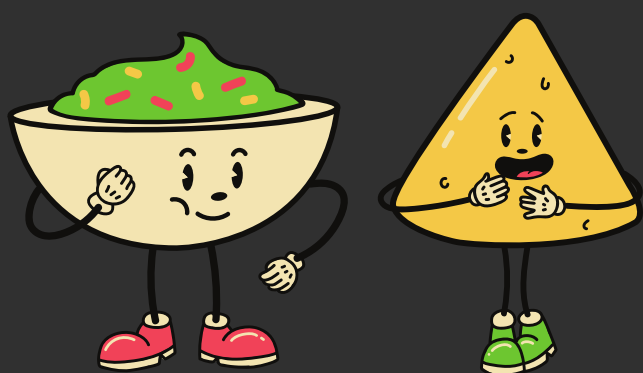


## Poets & Poetry for a Month of Inspiration



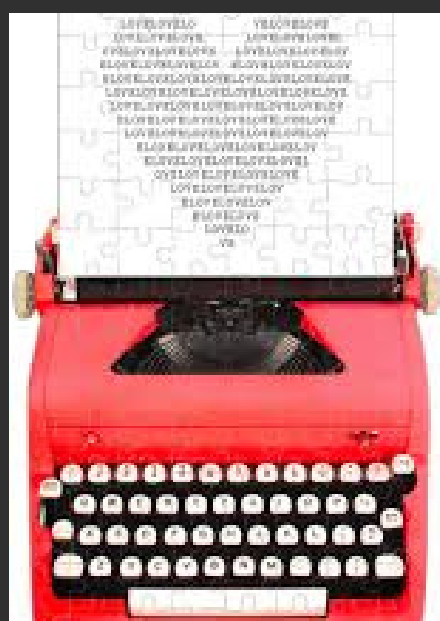
### Try Reading, Writing, and Listening to Spoken Word Poetry.

Inaugural Poet Amanda Gorman reminded the world about the power of poetry. Explore audio and video performances of spoken word artists. *You Tube* is a great place to start! Check out the website [teacheroffduty.com](http://teacheroffduty.com) for a list of 25 poems to share with students.



### Try a Poetry Pairing

Expose students to many generations and styles of poetry by choosing two or more poets/poems about the same topic or theme but from different time periods. A "classic" like a Shakespearean Sonnet can be paired with lyrics to a modern love song. Yes, songs DO count as poetry!



### Try Integrating Writing Poetry to Sharpen Vocabulary & Creative Skills

Short spurts of creative writing can easily be made into opening activities or Tickets Out the Door. A BioPoem can be used in any discipline, and a Where I'm From is a great community builder. Both formats are easily found online.



### Start With These Poets and Go From There...

- Sylvia Plath
- Emily Dickinson
- Jason Reynolds
- Rupi Kaur
- Billy Collins
- Sarah Kay
- Li Young Lee
- Pablo Neruda
- Clint Smith

Sources:

<https://bookriot.com/25-gateway-poets-to-start-reading-on-world-poetry-day/>

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