



Beyond the Margins

Poetry with Louisa

Wednesdays 2-3pm on Zoom



Check-in/Warm Up



- **Describe your week in the following terms:**
- 1. the **colour** you associate with it: e.g. azure, greys, magenta, yellows...
- 2. the **smell** you associate with it: e.g. fresh cut grass, rain on tarmac, coffee...
- 3. the **sounds** of your week: e.g. sirens, humming, birdsong,
- 4. the **texture** of your week: e.g. rough, smooth, bumpy, bristly, silky...
- 5. an **object** that is relevant to your week: e.g. mug, train, bath, umbrella...
- **Now...write a short poem using each word used above in any form you like. Remember poems don't have to rhyme!**



Prompt One

My Bubble

- The government recently announced that we are allowed to have a support bubble in which we can spend time with one other household. Think about **who, in an ideal world, would you have in your support bubble** if you could choose anyone – dead or alive?
- **Why** would you choose this person?
- **What** would you do together?
- **How** do you feel thinking about this person?
- Now...**write a poem or scene** in which you meet the person/people who make up your ideal support bubble, be as descriptive as possible about what you did together, how it felt, your surroundings – use as many senses as possible.



Prompt Two Wildlife Facts!

- A shrimp's heart is in its head
- Snails can sleep for 3 years
- If you stroke a frog's stomach you can put it into a trance
- Dragonflies play dead when females want to see off a male!
- Dolphins have names: each dolphin has a unique sound used by other dolphins to identify them
- Penguins propose with pebbles
- A blue whale's heart can weigh more than a car
- **Now...write a poem or descriptive piece about one of these facts.**



Prompt Three

Toni Morrison

- *All water has a perfect memory and is forever trying to get back to where it was.*
- *If there is a book that you want to read, but it hasn't been written yet, you must be the one to write it.*
- *You are your best thing*
- *Anger is better. There is a sense of being in anger. A reality and presence. An awareness of worth. It is a lovely surging*
- *Anything dead coming back to life hurts*
- ***Now...choose a quote and write a poem about what it means to you, what does it make you think/feel, what images does it conjure?***



Prompt Four

Jean-Michel Basquiat

- Lived: December 22, 1960 – August 12, 1988, was an **American artist of Haitian and Puerto Rican descent** whose art focused on dichotomies such as wealth versus poverty, integration versus segregation, and inner versus outer experience.
- See the painting on the next page: **what do you make of it?**
- What does the painting make you **feel**?
- What does it mean **TO YOU**?
- **Write a poem or prose about what you see, what it means (to you – there's no wrong answer), and the feelings it evokes.**

Painting

