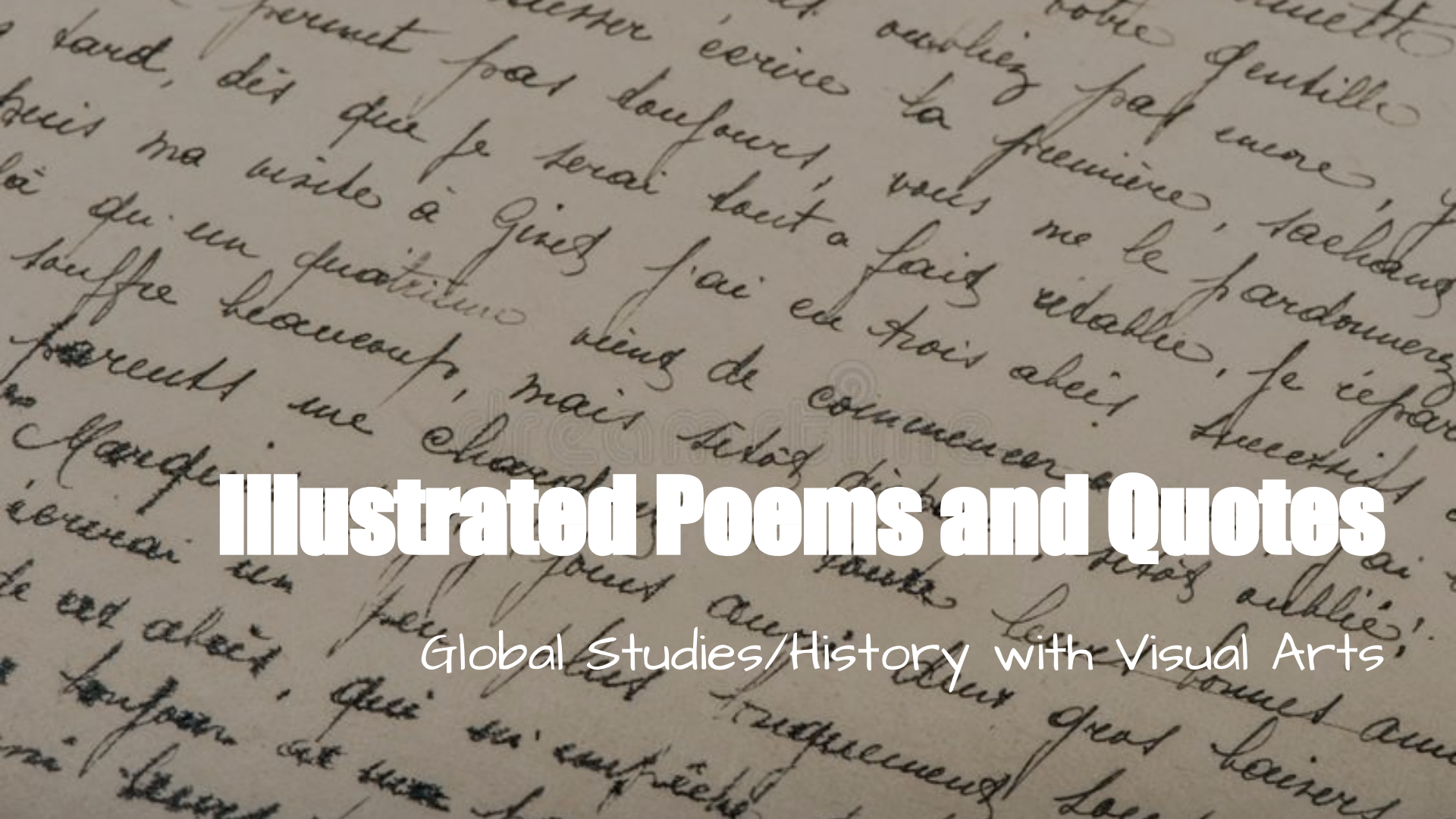

Illustrated Poems and Quotes

Global Studies/History with Visual Arts

Why are quotes and poems important?

Motivational **quotes** provide us with a quick and timely burst of wisdom to get our focus back, offering the inspiration needed for the day or occasion. Often a **quote** can offer inspiration for the week, and inspire us when our normal motivation has lapsed.

Poetry is **so important** because it helps us understand and appreciate the world around us. **Poetry's** strength lies in its ability to shed a "sideways" light on the world, **so** the truth sneaks up on you. ... **Poetry** teaches us how to live.

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address

One of the most memorable and important speeches in American History.

Click here to listen to the speech

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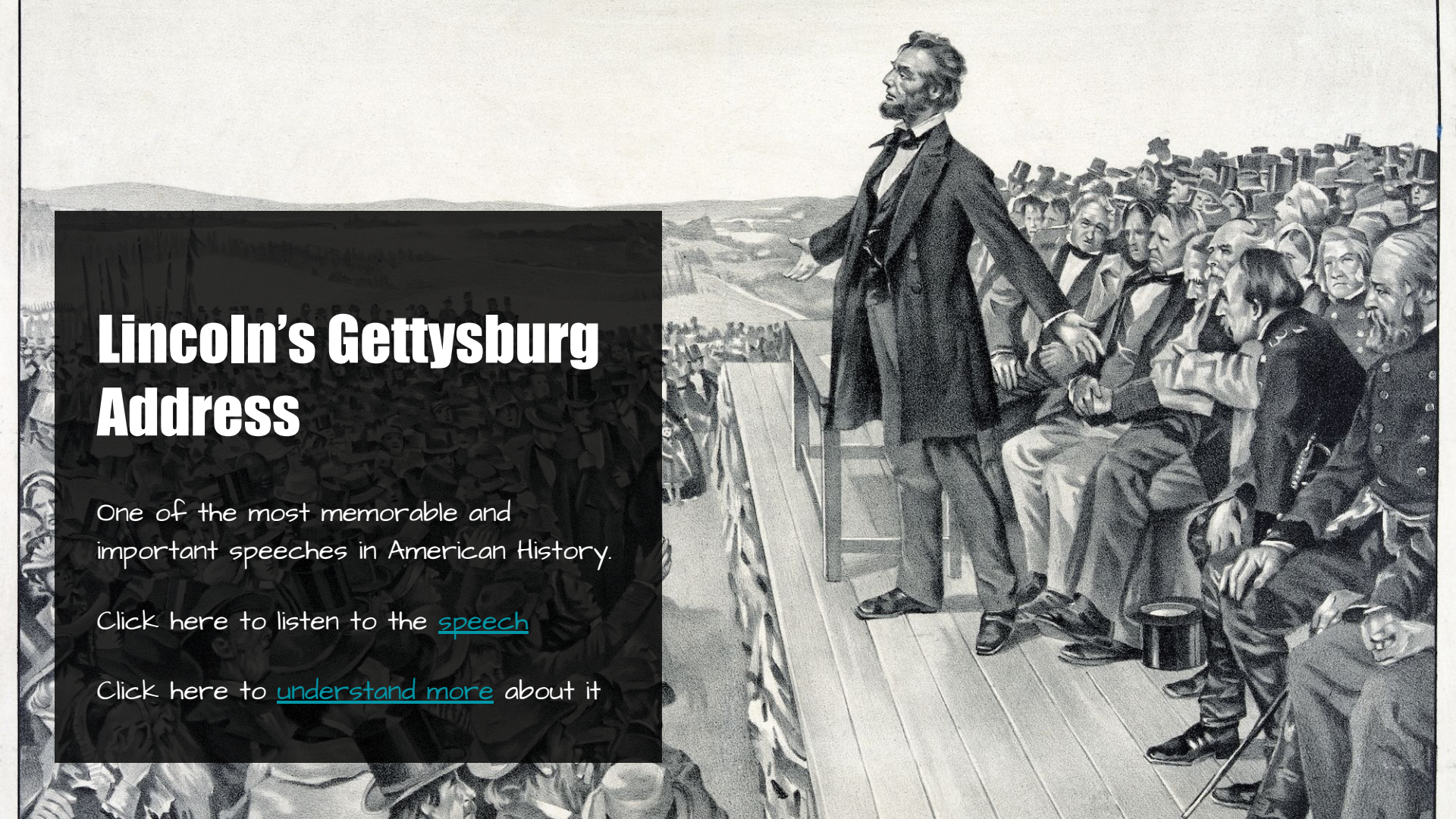


Check out some Abraham Lincoln quotes:

- "Folks are usually about as happy as they make their minds up to be." ...
- "Whatever you are, be a good one." ...
- "Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?" ...
- "America will never be destroyed from the outside. ...
- "My Best Friend is a person who will give me a book I have not read."
- "I'm a success today because I had a friend who believed in me and I didn't have the heart to let him down."
- "When I do good, I feel good. When I do bad, I feel bad. That's my religion."
- "Those who deny freedom to others, deserve it not for themselves"
- "I am a slow walker, but I never walk back."
- "There are no bad pictures; that's just how your face looks sometimes."
- "Those who look for the bad in people will surely find it."
- "I don't like that man. I must get to know him better."
- "When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on."
- "I would rather be a little nobody, then to be a evil somebody."
- "I laugh because I must not cry, that is all, that is all. "

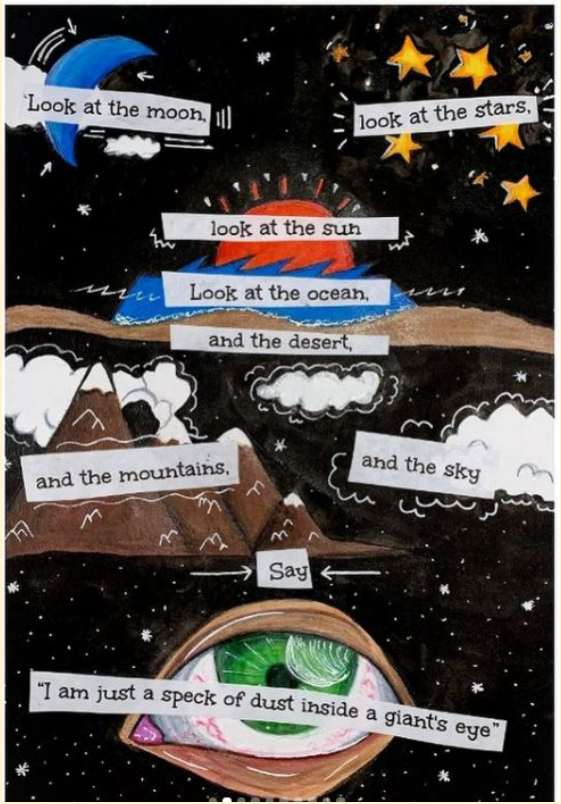
These are just a few of the many!

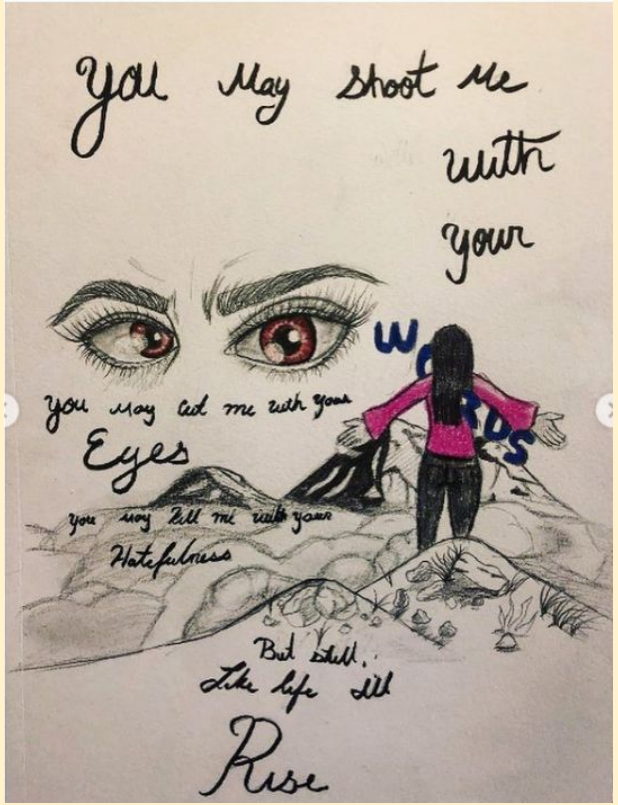
The Power of Poems

Lincoln helped make it possible for Amanda Gorman (22 years old) to speak to the American people with her impactful poem in 2021.

Click here to watch her deliver her poem, "The Hill We Climb"

Create an illustration of a quote or poem the inspires you!





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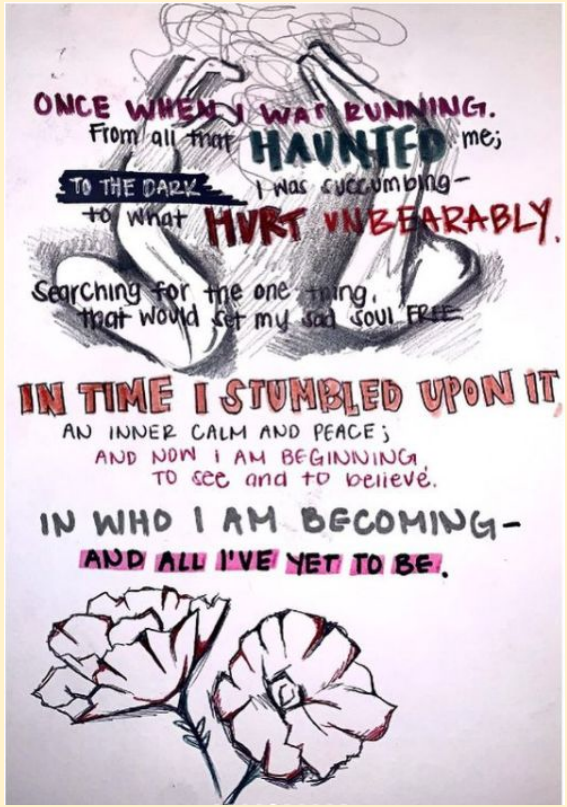
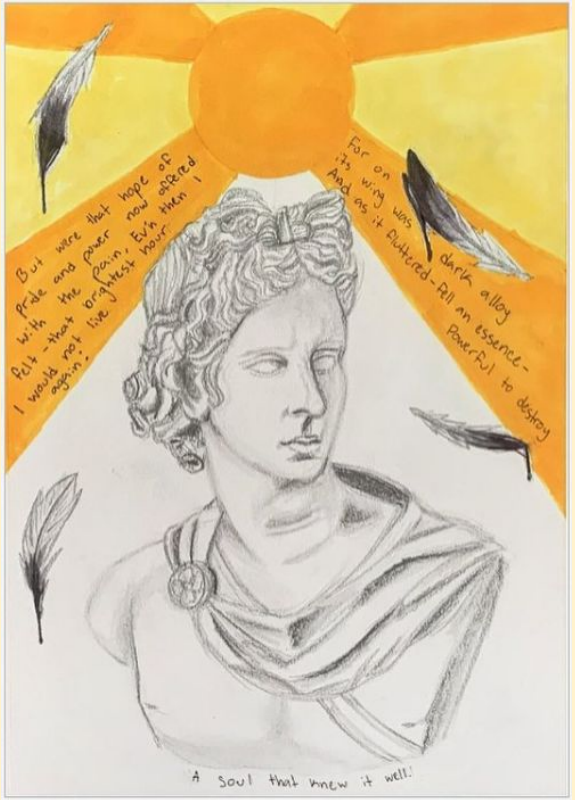
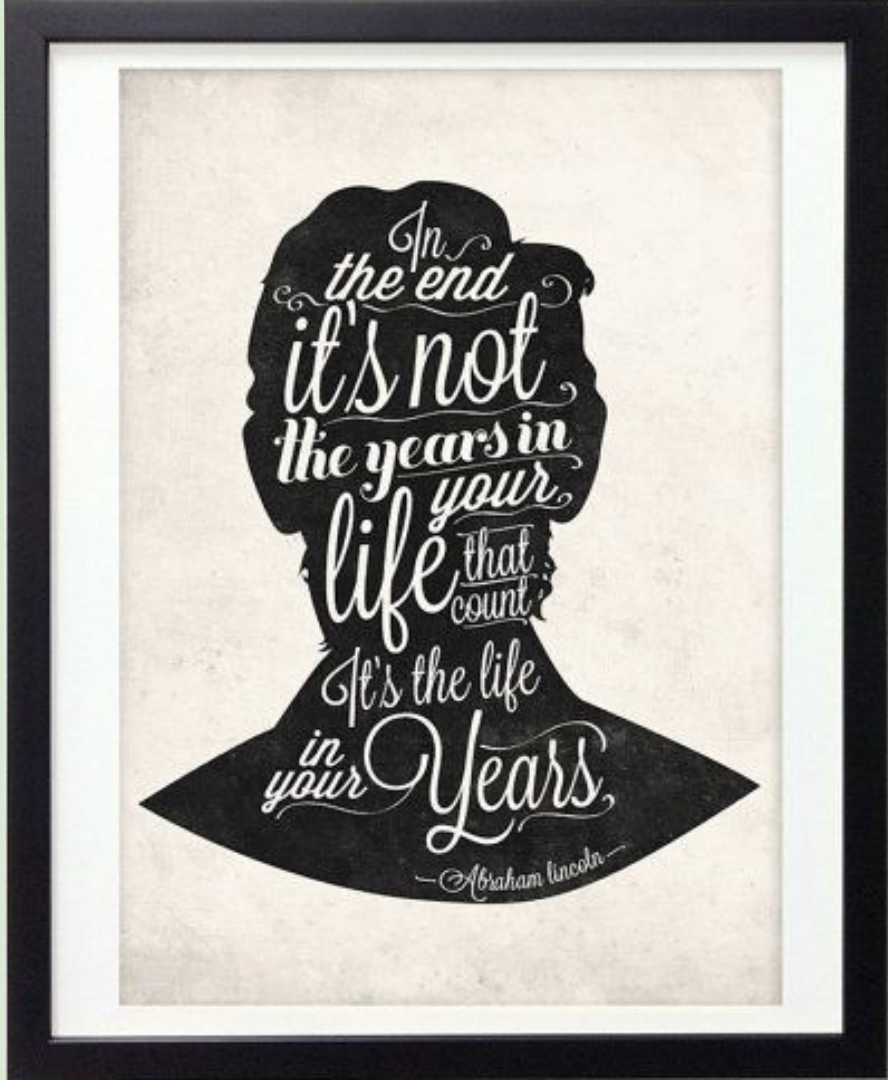


Feeling inspired yet?



What to focus on with your quote/poem?

- Do not write the quote in your normal handwriting!
  - Think about fun fonts! Fonts can take just as much time as any drawing!
  - Click here to experiment with fonts
  - You can write out your fonts by hand OR print your fonts and cut&glue into your artwork
- When drawing details: Google "How to draw _____ easy"
  - This will help you break down your details into into steps and simple drawings
- Think of a creative way to place it all together for your composition (layout) of your paper