

## The Power of Poetry Club



In his book, *Oh, the Places You'll Go!* Dr. Seuss wrote-

*Today is your day.  
You're off to great places!  
You're off and away!*

Can anyone be a poet like Dr. Seuss? There are many published adult poets but not many published student poets.

Your job is to collaborate with your peers to search to discover what gives a poem the power to make it something people want to read and then create your own original poem.

You will research the following questions: Why do poets write poetry? Is it because they feel happy or sad? Do they want to make a point or try to tell a story? Sometimes reading a poem brings up a lot of questions. You are going to work together with your classmates to answer these questions in a Poetry Club.

Your group will consider if a good poem always has to rhyme and evaluate what poets do to make their poems interesting. As an effort to help others understand poetry, your club will analyze poetry and publish your thoughts online. After reading and discussing poems, you will use what you know about the power of poetry to create and publish your own original poem – just like Dr. Seuss!

### Helpful websites

Article on publishing student poems -

[http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi\\_m0STR/is\\_1\\_110/ai\\_64340691](http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_m0STR/is_1_110/ai_64340691)

Online poetry club -

<http://pbskids.org/arthur/games/poetry/>

A list of authors of children's poetry -

<http://www.pages.drexel.edu/~dea22/poets.htm>

An online collection of poetry published by children and teens -

<http://www.loriswebs.com/youngpoets/>

Online rhyming dictionary -

<http://www.poetry4kids.com/rhymes>

Poetry podcasts -

<http://www.poetry4kids.com/rhymes>