

Social Justice Poetry: Poem Brainstorm

- What social justice issues are most important to you right now? Why?

- What parts of your identity, if any, relate to that issue? How?

- What emotions do you have related to the issues at hand? How do they make you feel?

Talk to your group, share ideas!

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Select the topic of your choice and begin brainstorming:

- Images you want to create in your reader’s mind (you may sketch or list!):

- Emotions you want to conjure in your reader:

- Narrative (story), if any, that you want to include:

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Whatever topic you choose to write about, your poem must:

- Have a title
- Have at least two images
- Have at least two examples of figurative language (metaphor, simile, personification, hyperbole, etc.)
- Be at least four stanzas long, with each stanza being at least four to eight lines

You can use the space below to plan those portions of the poem and begin writing on the lines below

Title	
Image 1:	
Image 2:	
Figurative Language 1:	
Figurative Language 2:	
Other Ideas (<i>example:</i> emotions to conjure or story to tell):	

Lined writing area with 20 horizontal lines.
