

The Possibilities of Words

Sometimes words can change the world. Circle THREE of the following quotes that relate to your personal memories, dreams, or emotions. On a separate sheet of paper or on the back of this page, write about your feelings or what you remember when reading each of these phrases.

*"I am waiting for my number to be called
and I am waiting
for the living end
and I am waiting
for dad to come home his pockets full
of irradiated silver dollars
and I am waiting..."* (1)

"Chaos is a friend of mine." (6)

"Are you going to let your emotional life be run by Time Magazine?" (3)

"Strange new problems are being reported in the growing generations of children whose mothers were always there, driving them around, helping them with their homework—an inability to endure pain or discipline or pursue any self-sustained goal of any sort, a devastating boredom with life." (5)

*"I have plans to burn my drum,
move out
and civilize this hair. See my nose?
I smash it
straight for you. These teeth? I
scrub my teeth
away with stones. I know you help
me now I matter.
And I—I come to you, head down,
bleeding from my smile,
happy for the snow clean hands of
you, my friends."* (2)

*"What the world needs now,
is love, sweet love, it's the
only thing that there's just
too little of."* (7)

"We hold the rock!" (10)

"To make people free is the aim of art, therefore art for me is the science of freedom." (4)

**"The old law about 'an eye for an eye'
leaves everybody blind."** (8)

"Few men are willing to brave the disapproval of their fellows, the censure of their colleagues, the wrath of their society. Moral courage is a rarer commodity than bravery in battle or great intelligence. Yet it is the one essential, vital quality for those who seek to change a world which yields most painfully to change." (9)