

Workshop 8: Turning Points**Reading 2 Project: Words Set Him Free**
What's Your Line?

Writing poetry changed Ekiwah's life. Find out what it can do for you and your classmates!

Project: Work in groups. Each student writes one line of a group poem.

Procedure**1. Set up.**

Get a piece of paper. Make sure everyone in the group has a pen. Arrange your chairs or desks in a circle, if possible.

2. Choose a subject.

Discuss what you will write about. Pick something simple, like sneakers, baseball, music, or school. If you can't agree on a subject, take a vote.

3. Write.

The person who came up with the subject writes the first line of the poem. Then he or she folds the top of the paper over the first line, and passes the paper to the person on his or her right. The second person writes a line, folds the paper over, and passes it to the third person, and so on. Here are some tips:

- Don't think for too long when it's your turn. Write what comes into your head about the subject.
- Don't peek at what others have written!
- Keep it nice, keep it clean. Don't write anything mean about anyone. Use language your teacher would approve of. Help each other as necessary. Respect everyone's contribution.

4. Read it out loud!

When everyone has had a turn, the first person will unfold the paper and read the group poem aloud. Be prepared to laugh at your weird creation! Try another poem if you have time.