

## Poetry in America: The City from Whitman to Hip Hop

### ENGLISH 194 | FALL 2020

Poetry in America, in partnership with the National Education Equity Lab, Arizona State University, and ASU Prep Digital, is pleased to offer a for-credit English course to high-school students this spring, **Poetry in America: The City from Whitman to Hip Hop**.

#### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

In this course, we consider those American poets whose themes, forms, and voices have given expression to visions of the city since 1850. Beginning with Walt Whitman, the great poet of nineteenth-century New York, we explore the diverse and ever-changing environment of the modern city—from Chicago to London, from San Francisco to Detroit—through the eyes of such poets as Carl Sandburg, Emma Lazarus, Edna St. Vincent Millay, Langston Hughes, Marianne Moore, Frank O'Hara, Gwendolyn Brooks, Allen Ginsberg, Robert Hayden, and Robert Pinsky, as well as contemporary hip hop and spoken word artists. This course introduces content and techniques intended to help students and educators learn how to read texts of increasing complexity. Readings and activities were chosen and designed with the Common Core English Language Arts (ELA) standards in grades six through 12 in mind.

Featuring engaging, culturally relevant and visually rich lectures, video field trips to historic sites, online seminars, and filmed discussions with poets, scholars, and students of all ages, Poetry in America's documentary style format takes learners on a journey through the literature of a nation. Along the way, distinguished guests—including Shaquille O'Neal, Cynthia Nixon, John McCain, Herbie Hancock, Elena Kagan, Joe Biden, Bono, and Nas, among others—bring fresh perspectives to the study of poetry.

Watch course trailer: [bit.ly/2SYi4NT](https://bit.ly/2SYi4NT)  
Preview learning objectives: [bit.ly/2TiMgIv](https://bit.ly/2TiMgIv)

#### HOW TO REGISTER

- ❏ **STEP 1:** If you are an ASU Prep student who is interested in enrolling in this course, please contact your Learning Success Coach for information about enrollment costs and procedures.
- ❏ **STEP 2:** After consulting with your Learning Success Coach, please fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/u8cTN8FbzhN9pmSq8>

#### KEY DETAILS

- ❏ **Course Start Date:** Monday, September 14
- ❏ **Course End Date:** Friday, December 18
- ❏ **Registration Deadline:** Saturday, August 1
- ❏ **Number of ASU Credits:** 3