

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN AND PRACTICE

Poetry in America's Teach Together 2020 Webinar Series offers support to middle- and high-school English Language Arts, History, Social Studies, and Art teachers who are working to design **flexible lesson plans** for the Fall 2020 semester. Developed by Harvard Professor Elisa New and her Poetry in America team, this four-part webinar series will provide content area and pedagogical instruction for teachers, as well as engaging materials participants can use with their own students—**whether teaching online or in the classroom.**

Teach Together 2020 is built on the *Poetry in America* television series, and includes an introduction to core techniques offered in our full-semester for-credit courses for teachers. Webinar participants will **receive curricular materials and co-create lesson plans tailored to their own students' needs.**

Each 90-minute webinar will prepare teachers to lead **four to five hours of high-quality instruction** with their students.

Poetry in America, created and directed by Harvard professor Elisa New, is a public television series and multi-platform educational initiative that brings poetry into classrooms and living rooms around the world.

Participants will **learn from and support each other** in planning lessons and developing **best practices** for effective remote instruction—and for use of online materials in a variety of teaching settings.



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- ❏ **Cost:** FREE for teachers in Connecticut public schools
- ❏ **Webinar Dates:** **July 23, July 24, July 30, July 31**—sign up for just one or all of the sessions!
- ❏ **To Apply:** Fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/Bi1cvENFq3Ck5S3DA>
- ❏ **Questions?** Contact Clarque at clarque.brown@poetryinamerica.org.

POETRY IN AMERICA

TEACH TOGETHER 2020

A Professional Development Webinar Series

WEBINAR CURRICULUM

THURS, JULY 23 | Dreams Deferred: From Harlem to Hip Hop

- [Preview | <https://bit.ly/2KI7k6V>] Join President **Bill Clinton**, jazz pianist **Herbie Hancock**, poet **Sonia Sanchez**, and a group of students from Harlem in study of Langston Hughes's "Harlem," and then...
- [Preview | <https://bit.ly/2XS0mys>] Invite your students to study along with hip hop legend **Nas** and friends as they discuss Nas's iconic song "N.Y. State of Mind" and try writing their own hip hop lyrics.



FRI, JULY 24 | Fast Breaks and Pirouettes

- [Preview | <https://bit.ly/2xCGvsm>] Join basketball stars **Shaquille O'Neal**, Pau Gasol, and Shane Battier as they explore the love of the game through the lens of Edward Hirsch's great basketball poem, "Fast Break," and then...
- [Preview | <https://bit.ly/3eFm3HG>] Join actor **Cynthia Nixon**, cellist **Yo-Yo Ma**, and poet Marie Howe as they explore Emily Dickinson's "I cannot dance upon my toes," a journey into what musical, theatrical, and literary performances all have in common.

THURS, JULY 30 | Through the Golden Door: Immigration

- [Preview | <https://bit.ly/34Ovwlo>] Join immigrants and immigrant descendants, including American Federation of Teachers President **Randi Weingarten**, Grammy nominee **Regina Spektor**, and Dreamer Cristina Jiménez, in exploring Emma Lazarus's "The New Colossus"—the poem inscribed on the Statue of Liberty. And then...
- [Preview | <https://bit.ly/2XMhCVI>] Accompany poet **Richard Blanco** on an illustrated journey across South Florida to explore his classic poem of Cuban immigration, "Looking for the Gulf Motel." Enjoy a special cameo appearance by **Gloria Estefan!**



FRI, JULY 31 | In Your Closet: Out Your Window!

- [Preview | <https://bit.ly/2XSTMaD>] Feel the excitement of New York Fashion Week as you and your students learn about the global history of a shirt—like the one you're wearing! Journey across space and time as you think about the art—and the economics—that go into making garments. Examine Robert Pinsky's "Shirt" alongside young fashion designers, as well as fashion icons **Stuart Weitzman**, **Johnson Hartig**, and Betty Halbreich. And, finally...
- [Preview | <https://bit.ly/2KmqgtfC>] Join young campers at a wildlife preserve in Cape Cod, MA, as they explore Galway Kinnell's "The Gray Heron"...and do some birdwatching! Consider the art and science of birdwatching—and of *watching* more generally—with scientist **E.O. Wilson** and landscape photographer Laura McPhee.

