

VIRTUAL BIOGRAPHY: Jacqueline Woodson

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Collect the stickers for each part of Jacqueline Woodson's life.
Cut them from each section (Ctrl + X) and paste them here (Ctrl + V) on the timeline.

Birth	Childhood	First Book	Poet Laureate	Books	Lifetime Achievements
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Author Study

MAGI CORE

Integrates Reading Skills

writing

Jacqueline grew up always writing on everything. She wrote on napkins, notebooks, and shoes. She even drew graffiti. She also got in trouble for telling lies. Except, she says she wasn't really telling lies; they were stories. Once she learned to start writing these "lies" down, she stopped getting in trouble and started getting praised.

Jacqueline remembers being a child and reading book after book and not seeing any characters that looked like her or who had experiences like hers. Watch her talk about what motivates her to tell stories and how she hopes her readers can find themselves in books.



Is there a particular story, movie, or show that you see yourself in?



Meet
**Jacqueline
Woodson**

Education
Artist-in-Residence

 The
Kennedy
Center



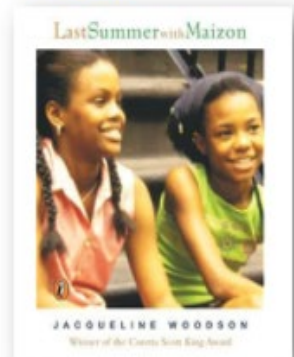
Social Studies

First Book

Jacqueline graduated from Adelphi University and her first job was as a therapist for runaway children. This job inspired many of the heroes in her books. Many of these characters are misfits dealing with difficult life situations and numerous tough decisions. Her first book was published around this time, titled *Last Summer with Maizon*.



To the
Timeline



What could be a benefit of reading
characters facing difficult life d

Interactive Timeline

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Critical Thinking

poetry

On June 1st, 2015, Jacqueline began a two-year term as Young People's Poet Laureate.

Click here to see Jacqueline's page on the Poetry Foundation's website. Choose one of the poems to read. Then, answer the questions.

*"Awarded by the Poetry Foundation
tenure, the young people's poet laureate
awareness that young people have
receptivity to poetry and are its most
audience, especially when poems
specifically for them."*

1. What is the structure of the poem?

2. What imagery is used in the poem?

3. What is the message of the poem?

Poem Making

your turn: memory poem

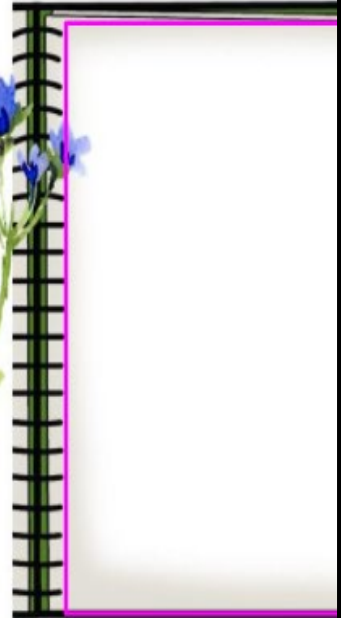
Write down details of a memory that's fresh in your mind.

Now, write your own poem in your

Weather:

Place:

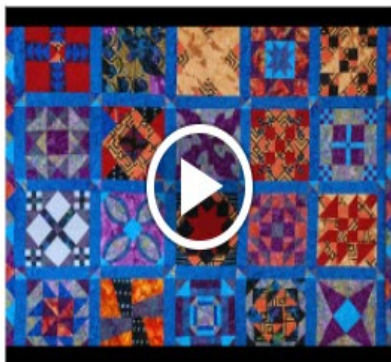
Actions:



Engaging & Educational Media

Freedom Quilts

Show Way talks about how freedom quilts were used by Jacqueline's family. Watch the video to learn a little more about freedom quilts and the codes in them.



Name of Design	Picture	Meaning
Bow Tie		
Bear Paw		
Log Cabin		