

POETRY
IN AMERICA

For the first time in India, Earn college-level credits in high school and enter the fascinating world of poetry.



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Poetry in America Intensive

Join us on a literary field trip across America through time, to experience poetry as it speaks to other art forms—music, visual art, dance, photography—and, as it opens new windows on many of the social and political issues of our time.

Created by Poetry in America founder and director Professor Elisa New, Director of the Center for Public Humanities at ASU, and the Powell M. Cabot Professor of American Literature at Harvard University, the Poetry in America Intensive will prepare learners for college-level literature courses in a fun, interactive setting.

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Program Details



4TH – 12TH JULY 2022
7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM (IST)



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MODE: ONLINE (ZOOM)



PRIORITY DEADLINE: 15TH MAY 2022
REGULAR DEADLINE: 30TH JUNE 2022



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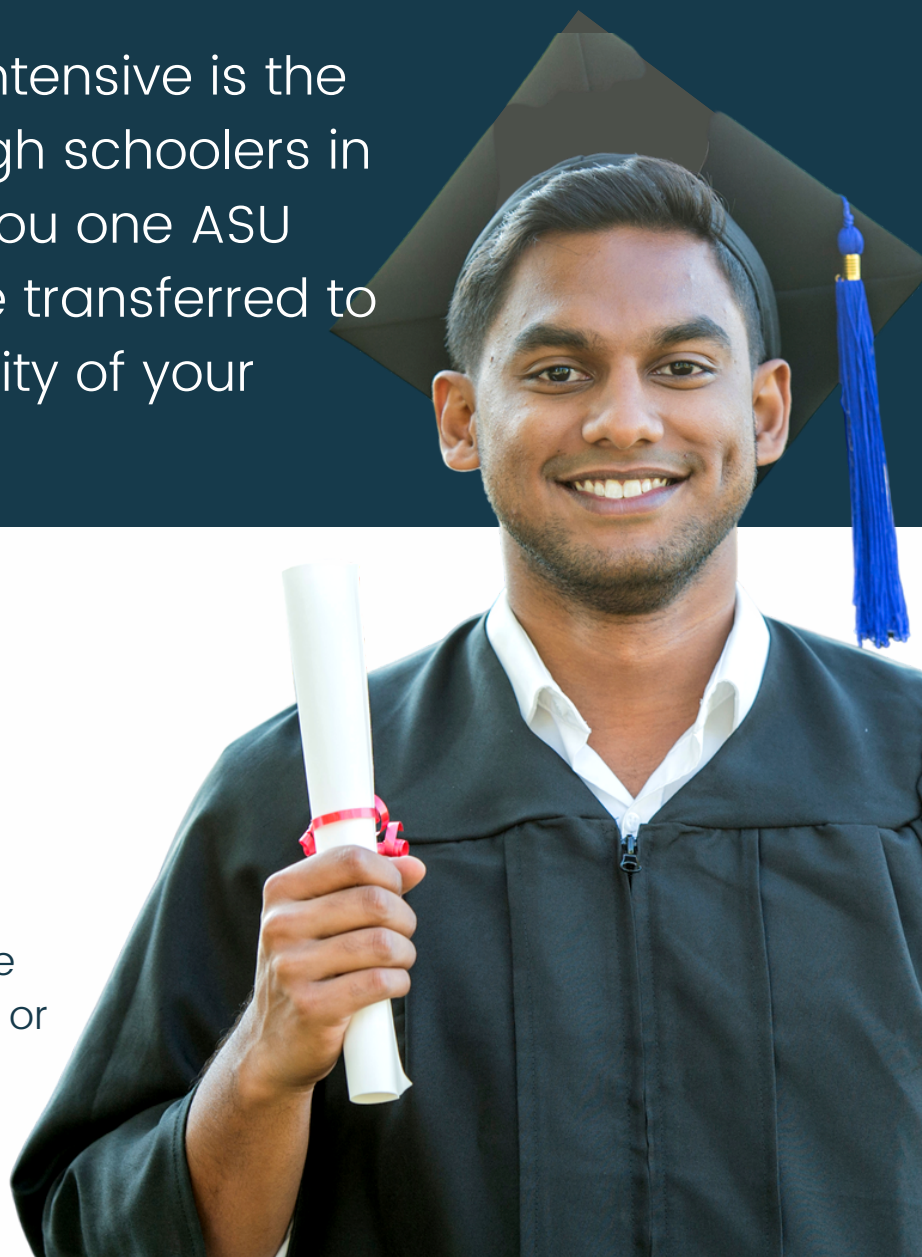
Certificate from Poetry in
America & Arizona State
University

First high-school program to offer **College Credits!**

College credits are used as a metric to award students academically in return for the effort they put in their coursework, along with the number of hours dedicated to finish a particular course

Poetry in America Intensive is the first program for high schoolers in India that confers you one ASU credit which can be transferred to a college or university of your choice!*

* ASU credits are widely transferable, but transfer credits are awarded at the discretion of each college or university's registrar.



Key Learnings



Develop a poem in a group addressing a social issue



Identify formal and thematic features of poems and other texts



Argumentative and Expository writing



Make connections between texts and other art objects



Historical, socio-cultural, and artistic climates that shaped American poetry

Day-to-day Roadmap



Session 1

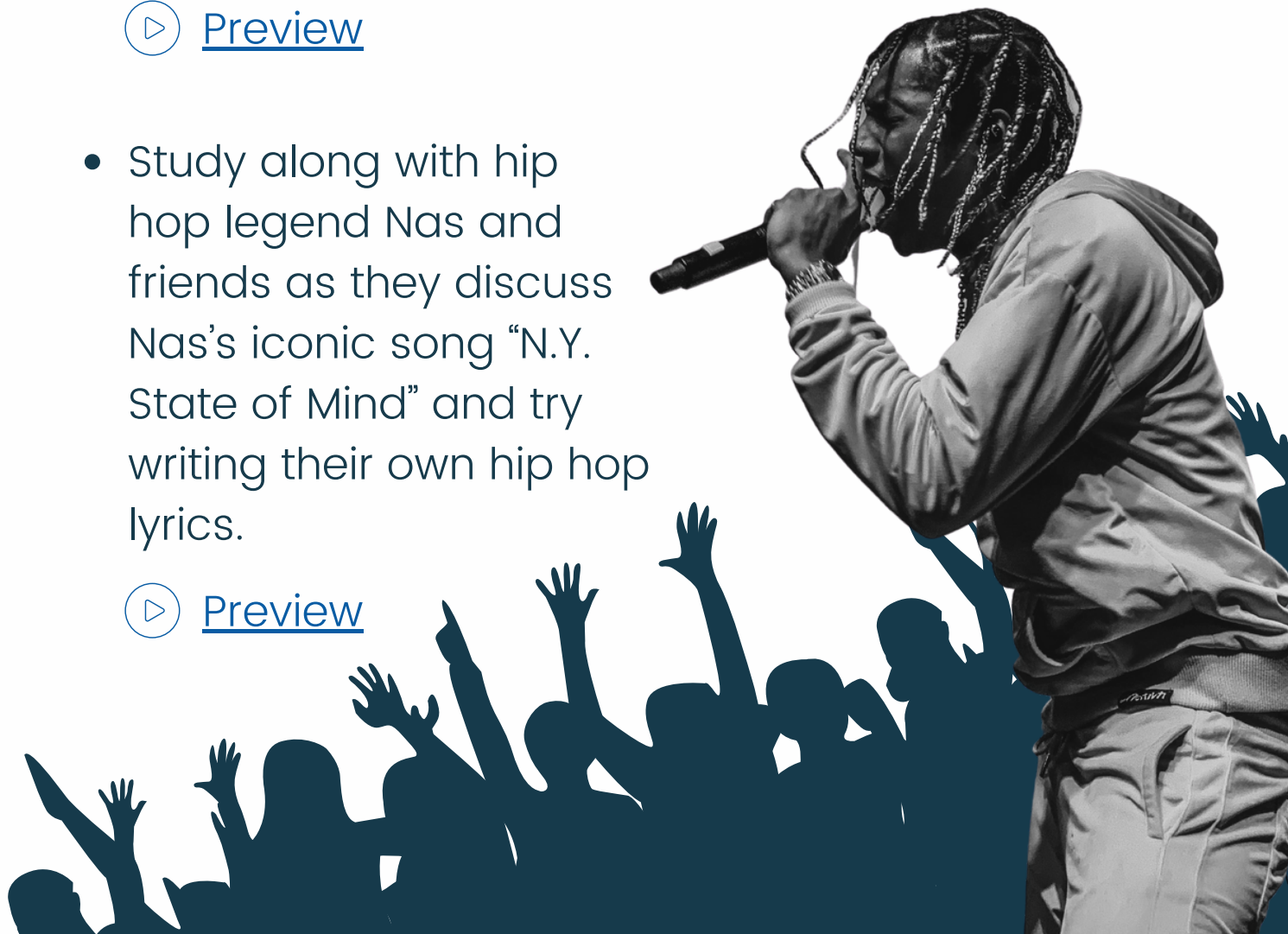
Dreams Deferred: From Harlem to Hip Hop

- Join former U.S. President Bill Clinton, jazz pianist Herbie Hancock, poet Sonia Sanchez, and a group of students from Harlem, New York, in study of Langston Hughes's "Harlem."

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- 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.

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Session 2

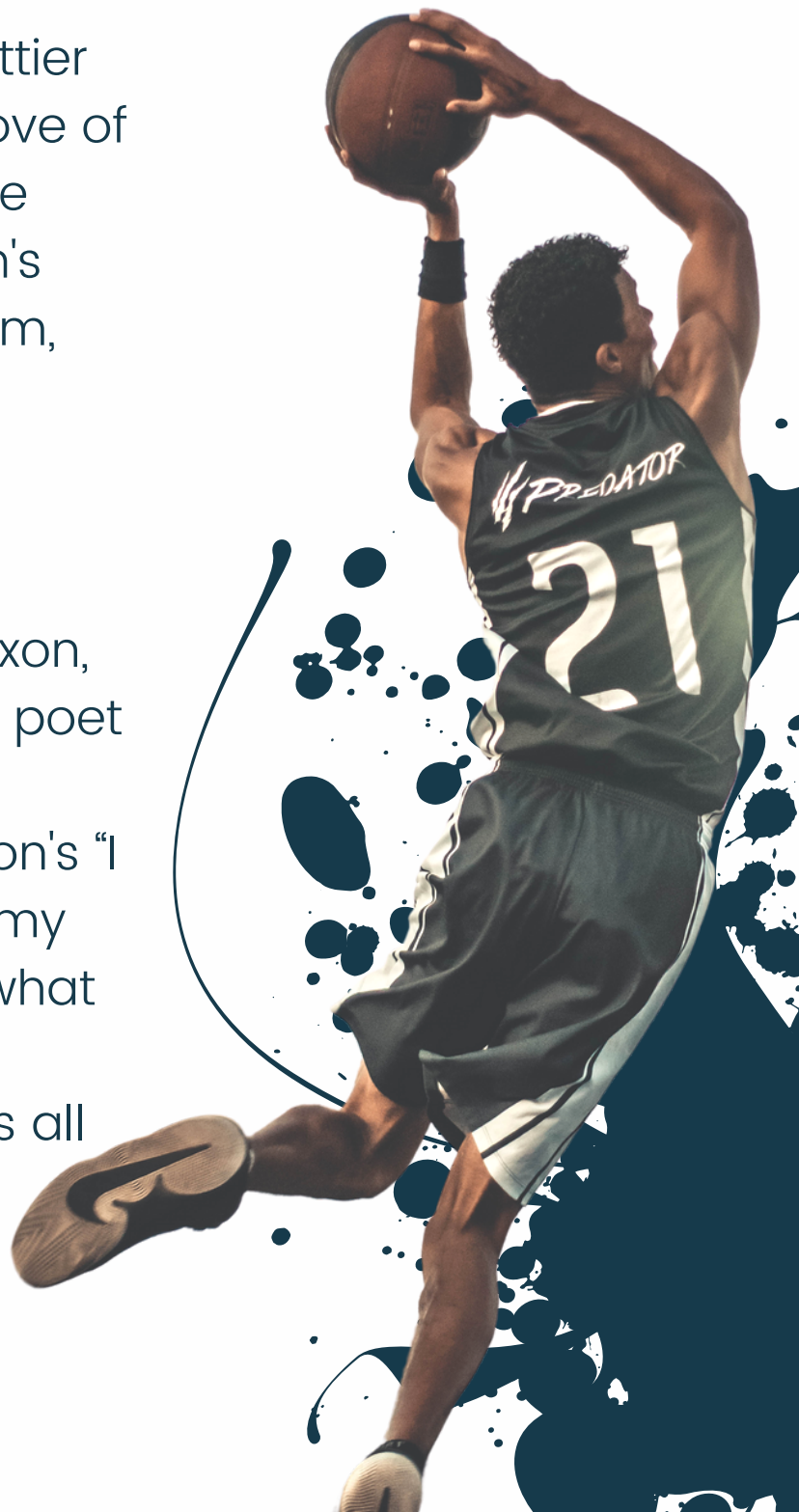
Fast Breaks and Pirouettes

- 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,"

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- 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, & literary performances all have in common.

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Session 3

Through the Golden Door: Immigration

- Join 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.

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- Accompany poet Richard Blanco and recording artist Gloria Estefan on an illustrated journey across South Florida to explore “Looking for the Gulf Motel,” Blanco’s classic poem of Cuban immigration, family, and what it means to call a place a home.

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Session 4

In Your Closet: Out Your Window!

- Feel the excitement of New York Fashion Week as you learn about the global history of a shirt—like the one you might be 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.

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- Join young campers at a wildlife preserve in Cape Cod, Massachusetts, 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.

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Session 5

Creative Social Consciousness

- In our last session, we'll hear from a number of contemporary poets—including you! This final session is all about harnessing your creative powers to inspire change. In collaboration with a small group of fellow students, you will use what you've learned throughout the intensive to develop a poem or other work of art that addresses a social issue of your group's choice.

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Meet the Program's Creator



Elisa New

**Professor of American Literature
at Harvard University**

Elisa New is the Director and Host of Poetry in America, director of the Center for Public Humanities at Arizona

State University, director of Verse Video Education, and Powell M. Cabot Professor of American Literature at Harvard University. New created Poetry in America, a PBS series, to bring poetry into living rooms and onto screens of all kinds. Guests include Joe Biden, Herbie Hancock, Gloria Estefan, Shaquille O'Neal, Elena Kagan, & Nas. Along with the series, New produces educational materials on American poetry for all ages—from middle- and high-school students, to K-12 teachers, to lifelong learners—distributed by Harvard University, Amplify Education, and Arizona State University.

Meet your Program Mentor



Ross Weissman

Master's Degree in Education
from Harvard University

Ross Weissman is a poet, educator, and entrepreneur. His poetry and translations have appeared in Blue Lyra

Review, Exchanges, Caliban Online, Pustebblume, and elsewhere. elsewhere. As both a poet and educator, he values the diverse life experiences, contexts, and voices of each of his students.

This has motivated his work in entrepreneurship too, having served as a founding team member of an environmental education summer camp in the Arctic Circle, a boutique leadership development firm in Vancouver, Canada, and a global ed-tech company in Boston, MA. He holds his master's degree in education from Harvard, where he also served as a teaching fellow and researcher on a range of projects with humans and birds!

Some of our Featured Episodes



Poetry in America, Episode 3: Those Winter Sundays

Featuring : President Joe Biden, poet Elizabeth Alexander, psychologist Angela Duckworth, and a chorus of fathers and sons

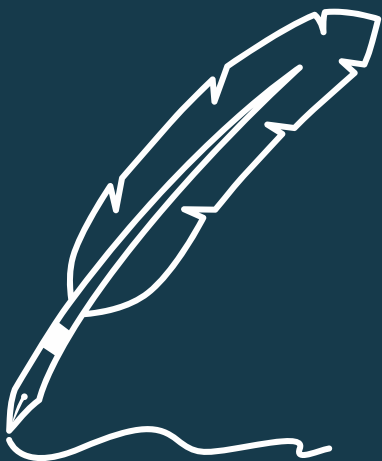


Poetry in America Season 2, Episode 208: Whitman

Featuring: Justice Elena Kagan, Playwright Tony Kushner, Rapper Nas, composer Matthew Aucoin, and others.

Are you someone who...

- is a beginner or Intermediate writer
- feels you are writing poorly or below your own standards and don't know how to improve it
- wants tools to approach writing in an innovative and more imaginative manner
- wants tried-and-true writing tips that will help you write better
- wants to study literary devices and learn how to use them in your own writing



**If your answer is Yes,
then this program is
for perfect for you!**

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