

The MEC English 1 class is conducting a unit on poetry in order to celebrate Black History Month. Some of the major poets that were discussed and analyzed include: Langston Hughes, Dylan Thomas, Tupac Shakur and Robert Frost. Students examined civil rights issues and applied figurative language to enrich their understanding of these influential artists. Students also created poems of their own and presented them to their colleagues. Attached below are examples of some of the poems that were submitted by students.

Hop
Hop
Ribbet
Hop

Carnivorous creatures
Consuming their catch
Coercing prey
Containing calcium

Hop
Hop
Ribbet
Hop

Daunting, daring, delightful
Deliberately, desperately
Downing their dinner

Hop
Hop
Ribbet
Hop

Ferocious and free
Frogs are fat
Four feet, all flippers
Feeling fine on a fall day

The Wilting Tree



The sun shines bright up high, and they arise
Connecting together as one
Growing taller by day
Stood tall is the wisdom tree

This tree is the wild card
Controlling life and death
Surrounded by life
Surrounded by joy

Many trees are taller than the rest
Some are small
Some are big
One can be all

The moon shines bright, but not so kind
Separating all and empty air
Shrinking down by night
Standing still is the wilting tree

This tree is wise and old
Telling their knowledge to the young
Surrounded by life
Surrounded by sorrow

Time glass out of sand
Sadden nights
They still wish upon a shooting star
“I wish there was another tomorrow”

