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The Culture of Spoken Word Poetry: Part One

Read the article *Why Spoken Word Poetry is So Much More Than a Poetry Reading*, and then highlight some of the norms and expectations that create a warm, welcoming and safe environment.

Example of a Cultural Norm/ Expectation in Spoken Word Poetry	How does this norm/expectation contribute to a warm, welcoming and safe culture?
Example: When a poet stumbled and forgot their words, the audience offered support for them to keep going.	Everyone makes mistakes, and sometimes it's hard to get back on track. The audience's support can give the boost needed to recoup and continue!

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The Culture of Spoken Word Poetry: Part Two

Use the chart below to draft three expectations for your class that will help you feel warm, welcome and safe to perform an original poem.

Three Expectations I Have for My Classmates to create a warm, welcoming and safe environment

Example	If I mess up while reciting, I'd like them to cheer me on so I can get back on track and keep going.
One	
Two	
Three	

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My Name Is Poem: Part One

Reflect on your many sides and complete the questions below.

My name: _____

My appearance: _____

My personality: _____

My interests: _____

My beliefs: _____

My fears: _____

My talents: _____

My dreams: _____

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My Name Is Poem: Part Two

Using the answers above, answer the following questioning and create three similar verses that share the many sides of you.

What are some of the stereotypes you feel pressured to live up to? _____

Verse One	
Verse Two	
Verse Three	