

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020

WALT Write a poem

This week we will be writing our own version of Life Doesn't Frighten Me by Maya Angelou.

**Life Doesn't Frighten Me** is a simple, repetitive poem that is written from a child's perspective. The speaker is going over things in her life that she has to overcome to move on. Life doesn't frighten me is repeated to reinforce the idea that, despite what we encounter in life, we do not have to be afraid.

Some of the verses from the original poem have been removed to make it a bit easier to write.

Shadows on the wall  
Noises down the hall  
Life doesn't frighten me at all

Bad dogs barking loud  
Big ghosts in a cloud  
Life doesn't frighten me at all

Mean old Mother Goose  
Lions on the loose  
They don't frighten me at all

Dragons breathing flame  
On my counterpane  
That doesn't frighten me at all.

I go boo  
Make them shoo  
I make fun  
Way they run  
I won't cry  
So they fly  
I just smile  
They go wild

Life doesn't frighten me at all.

Don't show me frogs and snakes  
And listen for my scream,  
If I'm afraid at all  
It's only in my dreams.

I've got a magic charm  
That I keep up my sleeve  
I can walk the ocean floor  
And never have to breathe.

Life doesn't frighten me at all  
Not at all  
Not at all.

Life doesn't frighten me at all.

- Read the poem and circle all the people, places or things (nouns) with the blue marker or pencil. Discuss which nouns interest you, scare you, impress you, or surprise you.
- Read the poem and underline all of the action words (verbs) with a red marker or pencil. Discuss which verbs interest you, scare you, impress you, or surprise you.