

# Kicker!

2017  
Poetry Moves



Original Poetry by the Poet-Athletes of America SCORES





# Dear America SCORES Poet-Athletes,

I once asked legendary British soccer commentator Martin Tyler what separated the truly great soccer players—the Lionel Messis or Carli Lloyds—from the merely good ones. He said that soccer is ultimately about decisions. "When they receive the ball, every player must decide whether to dribble, pass, or shoot;" he said, "the best players make better decisions more of the time than those around them." Soccer is a game of thinking.

Poetry, too, is all about ideas, decisions, and the mind. In the words of the American poet Allen Ginsberg, "It's that time of night, lying in bed, thinking what you really think." I think the greatness of America SCORES and all of you poet-athletes is that you understand the connection between poetry and soccer better than anyone. You have all dedicated your lives to improving your creativity on both the page and the field, seeing beautiful poetry come alive in both places – with appreciation for the works of Emily Dickinson and Arlo White, Christian Pulisic and Mallory Pugh in equal measure. Great poets, all.

To more, and wishing you all Courage.

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CO-HOST MICHAEL DAVIES  
HAVE A FUNNY  
SOCCER SHOW ON TV.  
YES, THEY ARE BOTH  
BRITISH AND BALD**



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**America SCORES inspires urban youth to lead healthy lives, be engaged students, and have the confidence and character to make a difference in the world.**

A national nonprofit, America SCORES engages youth with innovative after-school and summer programming that builds teams through a unique combination of soccer, poetry, and service learning.

Our holistic, team-based approach works: America SCORES poet-athletes, 85% of whom qualify for free or reduced lunch, improve academically, increase physical fitness, and have a greater sense of confidence and belonging to make a difference in the world.





**411** TEAMS

**627** COACHES

**70,000** ORIGINAL STUDENT POEMS WRITTEN EACH YEAR

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**2017**  
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**SHINING A LIGHT ON THE POET-ATHLETES,  
COACHES, AND TEAMS WHO  
MAKE AMERICA SCORES GREAT**

# Coach Taharri Teaches Life Lessons

WAY TO GO COACH!  
YOUR HARD WORK  
AND COMMITMENT  
REALLY SHOWS.



COACH TAHARRI WON  
THE NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER'S  
2016 POSITIVE COACHING  
ALLIANCE'S DOUBLE-GOAL  
COACH® AWARD



**Words cannot completely illustrate Taharri Turner's energy, enthusiasm, and passion for introducing youth to programs and activities that can enrich their lives.**

► **TAHARRI HAS BEEN A COACH IN THE CLASSROOM AND ON THE FIELD WITH THE AMERICA SCORES BOSTON PROGRAM AT LILLA G. FREDERICK PILOT MIDDLE SCHOOL IN DORCHESTER FOR OVER A DECADE.**

In addition, he has taught health and physical education and coached the boys basketball and girls soccer teams at Frederick for the past 13 years.

Taharri embodies America SCORES Boston's mission to empower youth to create positive change in their lives, in their communities, and around the world. Sportsmanship, leadership, and commitment are the pillars that the program is built around, and he ensures Frederick students live up to these ideals. Taharri is committed to building healthy minds and bodies through physical activity and sport. "Commitment, hard work, and dedication," he says, "are the keys to success in anything you do." (CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE...)

# Chris L. On Growing Up With Scores

Taharri recognizes his position as a leader and mentor. He teaches students to give their maximum effort, coaches without prejudice on the field, and leads thoughtful poetry and service-learning workshops. In a 7v7 league, it is difficult to maintain a 15-person roster while giving everyone equal playing time; yet somehow, Taharri manages this without difficulty.

In the fall of 2011, Frederick won our annual VOICES competition and was awarded with a 3-day songwriting residency with critically-acclaimed hip-hop artist Psalm One. The song they produced, "Ride for My Team," stands as one of the program's best songs and is featured on the ASCAP Songwriter Residency @ America SCORES, Volume 5 album.

For his efforts, Taharri was recognized as a 2016 Positive Coaching Alliance's Double-Goal Coach® Award winner for the New England chapter. He embodies the perfect balance of desire for competition while also teaching life lessons through sports. 

Chris Lantigua started in America SCORES New York as an 8-year-old at PS 153 in Harlem. After three years in the program, he stayed in touch with SCORES as a volunteer at game days and summer camps. Now 24, Chris is in his final year as a sociology major at Lehman College in the Bronx. When he's not studying, he works as an alumni coordinator and coach, continuing to give back to the program that had such an impact on him as a young kid.

**"SCORES taught me all about working with others as a team"**

Chris first got involved with SCORES because his sister's teacher was a coach, and she felt it would keep him out of trouble. He was held back a grade and needed something to help him connect with his classmates. Though the program was scary at first, his sister was there to help, making it a family affair. Chris loved to draw and kept being asked to draw posters for the team, endearing himself to his new teammates. Eventually, SCORES helped Chris find his place at PS 153 and helped him develop as a leader.

"SCORES taught me all about working with others as a team," Chris said, "it also helped me open up more and be more social with those around me. I still have friends from my 3rd to 5th grade SCORES team."

Among many fond memories of SCORES, Chris especially loves the Poetry SLAM!. He remembers the scale of the event and how excited it made him and his teammates. They all worked hard to prepare for the event and enjoyed their performances. Chris's work with the team was so well-received that he received The Commitment Badge patch at the SLAM! one year.

Today, the longest-lasting impact of the program on Chris has been service learning. In the time since, he has done a lot of volunteer work, most notably with the Boys and Girls Club and Let's Get Ready, a program that preps high school juniors for the SATs. After graduating from Lehman, he wants to get into education. Chris's dream is to become an elementary school teacher at a public school in NYC. 



**FREDERICK WIN THE SPRING BLAST TROPHY!**



# Stride Avenue Teams Build Teamwork & Friendship



The SCORES program at Stride Avenue Community School in Burnaby, Canada, is filled with many different students, all learning to work together to help their school and the community around them. The CORE grade 3-5 program is in its fourth year, while the SCORES In Action program for grade 6 & 7 students, many of whom are previous CORE students, is in its first year.

The CORE coaches aim to build positivity in the group where all levels and capabilities can come together to build a team worth cheering for. "I like that we are kind to each other and cheer everybody on!" said Jasdil, a 4th grade student in the CORE program. Maya, also in 4th grade, added, "everybody helps everybody and we listen to each other."

When asked why he likes the Canada SCORES program, 4th grader Ethan responded, "I get to hang out with friends every

day after school, and it helps me get better at writing." Reben, who started in 2nd grade and has participated in almost every year that Canada SCORES has been at Stride Ave., simply said, "Canada SCORES is like my family."

The SCORES In Action students come from diverse cultural and socio-economic backgrounds. They meet on a weekly basis to learn more about their community and ways to improve it, demonstrating inclusion, cooperation, and humor as they work together. Even though they come to the team with different perspectives, they all have the same goal: to do something good for others.

Both the CORE and SCORES In Action teams display key SCORES values. The students are willing to push themselves and dedicate their efforts to their projects, activities, and tasks. Over the course of the year, they have shown they work well together and really care for

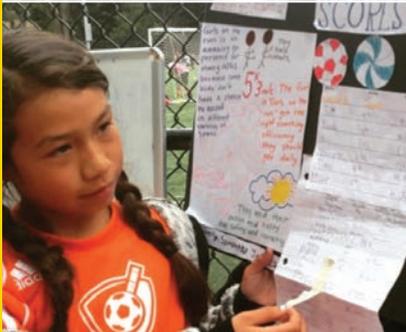
**Canada SCORES salutes the students from Stride Ave. Community School and wishes them all the best as they continue their work toward individual and community improvement!**

each other. Their friendships extend beyond their SCORES sessions and into their school days, and they are growing as inclusive, considerate, friendly, and welcoming individuals. Their self-confidence and willingness to overcome adversity will push them towards further success. 



## DC SCORES

**Bancroft Elementary School's** project, Empowering Immigrants, was to learn about and support the many immigrants in their community. They made fliers to share about resources available and handed them out to families in the neighborhood at pick-up time. They also displayed posters educating people about immigration and immigrants' rights.



## America SCORES Bay Area

The America SCORES girls team at **Cleveland Elementary School** wanted more sports available and accessible for girls. Over 100 people signed their petition to advocate for more athletic opportunities for girls in their neighborhood.

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING OUR KIDS!



## America SCORES Boston

The **Charles Sumner Elementary School** team asked their principal for permission to throw their very first Hawaiian-themed spring dance. The team charged an entrance fee, sold healthy snacks, had their very own DJ, and danced the afternoon away. All their proceeds were donated to the Greater Boston Food Bank to fight hunger in their community.



## America SCORES Denver

**Munroe Elementary School** teamed up with a local charity group **Project Westwood** to help clean up their neighborhood. The boys' team worked to improve community gardens and repaint the school blacktop.

WHAT A GREAT IDEA!



## America SCORES Milwaukee

While learning about homelessness, the **Clarke Street School** girls team discovered that children living in the shelter may celebrate birthdays during their stay. To make sure that homeless kids could still have parties for their birthdays, the Clarke Street team organized a birthday party supply drive at their school. All supplies were placed in party-themed boxes and delivered to Joy House.

THAT'S VERY THOUGHTFUL :) GO TEAM!

# POETRY IMAGINES

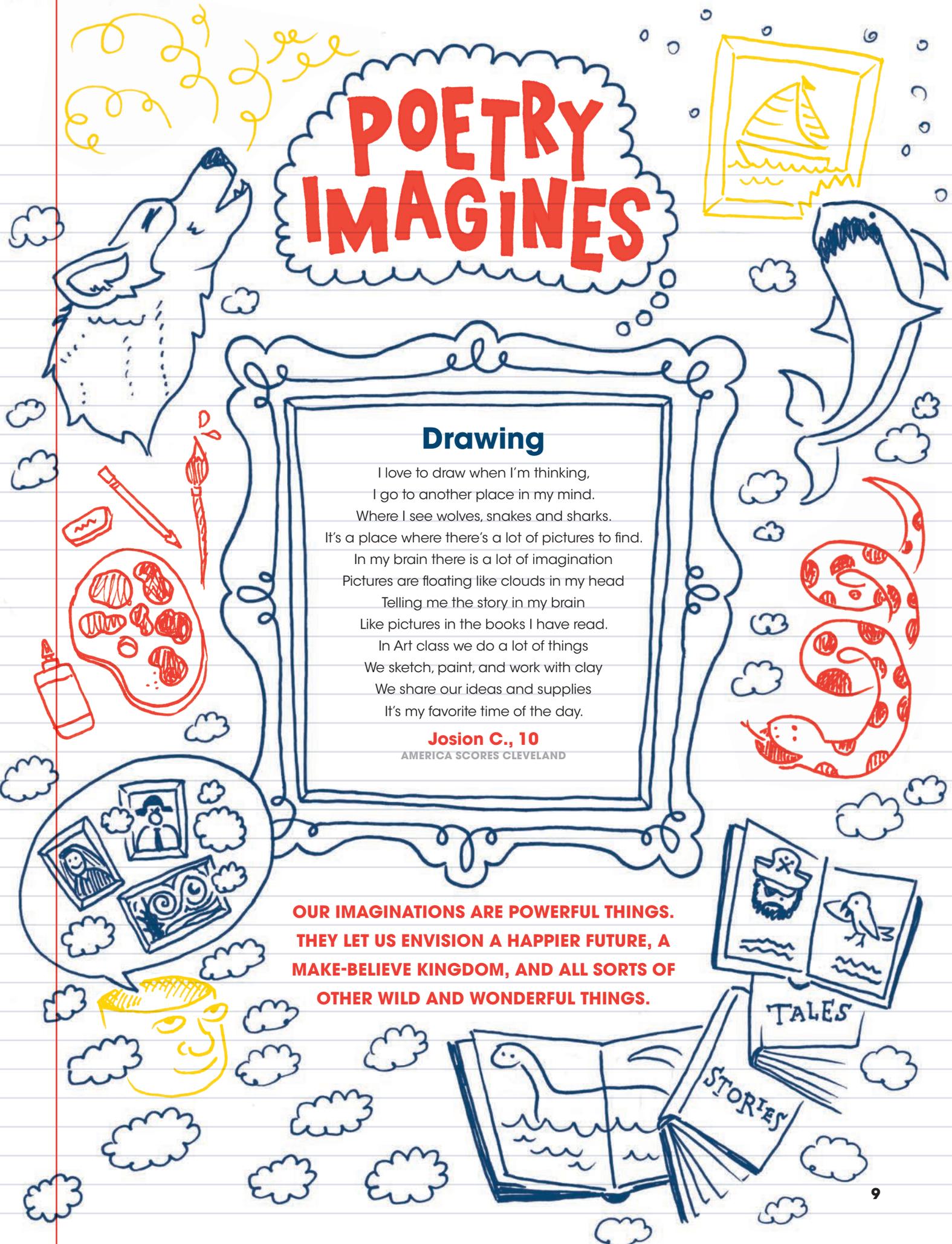
## Drawing

I love to draw when I'm thinking,  
I go to another place in my mind.  
Where I see wolves, snakes and sharks.  
It's a place where there's a lot of pictures to find.  
In my brain there is a lot of imagination  
Pictures are floating like clouds in my head  
Telling me the story in my brain  
Like pictures in the books I have read.  
In Art class we do a lot of things  
We sketch, paint, and work with clay  
We share our ideas and supplies  
It's my favorite time of the day.

**Josion C., 10**

AMERICA SCORES CLEVELAND

**OUR IMAGINATIONS ARE POWERFUL THINGS.  
THEY LET US ENVISION A HAPPIER FUTURE, A  
MAKE-BELIEVE KINGDOM, AND ALL SORTS OF  
OTHER WILD AND WONDERFUL THINGS.**



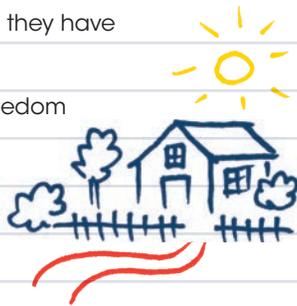
## Free World

I would see homeless people with homes  
They would have good food to eat  
I could smell good healthy foods  
For everyone in the neighborhood

I feel happy that everyone has healthy foods and homes  
I hear people cheering down the street  
Being thankful for all the things they have

It tastes like victory  
Everywhere in the world has freedom  
Anyone can make a change

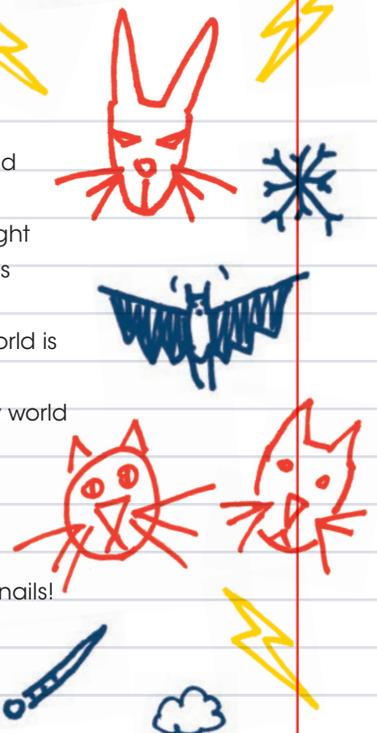
**Jonailie M., 10**  
AMERICA SCORES NEW ENGLAND



## The Destroyer

The Destroyer has rumbling lava and  
lightning bolts for light  
It has killer rabbits that kill you at night  
The dark ashes and the dark clouds  
smell like dry grass at the park  
The temperature in the destroyer world is  
freezing like below zero  
Deep, deep darkness surrounds my world  
And the sky is as black as space  
Creepy bats  
That are scared of cats  
It tastes like slimy snails  
But WATCH OUT! You might step on nails!

**Dustin C., 9**  
AMERICA SCORES MILWAUKEE



## One Little Rabbit

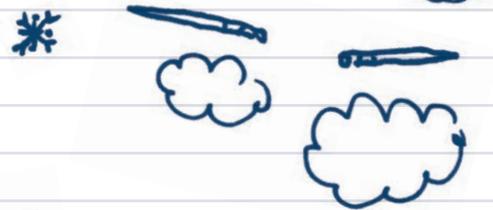
One little rabbit walking down the road  
Passing by he saw a toad

When he saw the toad he thought it was dead  
But it was sleeping in its bed

When the little rabbit left with a hop  
He saw the little tree by the road drop

It hit the ground with a loud pop  
The rabbit took off with a hip and a hop

**Ziar S., 10**  
CANADA SCORES VANCOUVER



## Noodles

Nicholas nibbling on noodles  
Costing a nickel  
He needs nine hundred noodles  
But he needs more nickels  
Nicholas asked his nice neighbor  
For nickels, but the nice neighbor  
Said NO!  
So Nicholas never nibbled noodles  
Again!

**Nicholas G., 11**  
AMERICA SCORES MILWAUKEE

## You Are

You are a shiny, silver flute,  
Playing gently, but beautifully in  
The sunset.  
You are a wild, deep purple shooting star,  
Dancing your way through,  
The dazzling galaxy.  
You are a graceful, blue tulip.  
Swaying in the beat of the flawless wind.  
You are the person you want to be.  
You are life.

**Ella V., 9**  
AMERICA SCORES BAY AREA



## Today

Today, I am Weird  
I feel dull  
I pretend to be fluffy  
Yesterday, my name was Hungry  
I ate a burger  
I ate a lion

**Elias V., 9**  
AMERICA SCORES LA





## Unicorn Island

Unicorn Island is where all my dreams and desires meet in one place.

Trees, trees give me shade on hot and beautiful days.

Fairies are so sweet,

With their tiny voices and glittery wings.

Unicorns are so great!

Running around, never wanting it to end.

Rainbows, rainbows are red, orange, yellow, green, violet and blue

They present a new adventure for you.

Famous singers give me warm hugs,

Leaving their beautiful voices flowing through my head.

Candy, candy tastes so good!

If you are lucky I will share it with you!

**Chelsea L., 11**

AMERICA SCORES NEW ENGLAND

# SUPER SIMILES

Find a doodle on this page that you like.  
Can you draw it below?

Encuentra un garabato en esta página que te gusta.  
¿Puedes dibujarla abajo?



Now, think of some similes about the doodle you picked. Remember, a simile uses "like" or "as" to compare one thing with another. The first one has been done for you!

Ahora, piensa en algunos símiles sobre el garabato que escogiste. Acuérdate, un símil se usa "como" para comparar una cosa con otra. Se ha hecho el primer para tí.

### EXAMPLE:

This doodle is \_\_\_\_\_ like a \_\_\_\_\_.

Este garabato es \_\_\_\_\_ como un \_\_\_\_\_.

Firefox was a magical creature who always loved to play

So bright and cheerful,

Each and every day

Then one day,

Along came a new friend.

She thought the fun would never end,

But she saw things weren't always as they seemed.

She saw strange and wild things.

So she went to the only other person that was sane,

Zhaniah lived down on huckleberry lane,

She said "Dear, Mother, what do you think is wrong,"

I think we've been here far too long.

So they packed their bags and went on their way,

Then along came a cute kitty stray.

"Aww, Mom, can we keep him, he's so fun.

"No! We have to leave, c'mon, let's run.

So they ran away faster than an ape,

The stray started to change shape.

The cat went from pink to white to pink and white,

He became a shift changing creature of the night.

Once the transformation was complete,

The sun saw a creature so strange and obsolete.

But it was a shell, a cover too,

Guess who popped out, guess who.

It was Firefox, the fox from Nimballo,

She just played a trick on you!

Happy trails and happy fun,

That's the end of Chapter 1.

Can't wait to see you soon good friend,

I hope your fun will never end.

**Madison R., 11**

AMERICA SCORES CLEVELAND

### OK, LET'S GET STARTED!

This doodle is as \_\_\_\_\_ as a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.

This doodle is \_\_\_\_\_ like a \_\_\_\_\_.

This doodle is as \_\_\_\_\_ as a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.

This doodle is \_\_\_\_\_ like a \_\_\_\_\_.

# Poetry



Poetry helps us express the way we feel: remembering happy times, working through sadness, and even letting out our frustration.



## My Star

My mom is crying like a thunder storm  
Because her mom is dead like a rose petal in the winter  
It makes me feel so blue like a hard raining day  
And I help her to clean the dust,  
like the dust from my room  
And I help her to do her things,  
like making her smile like a clown does at a circus

**Efrain M., 9**

AMERICA SCORES BAY AREA



THIS IS WHAT IT  
LOOKS LIKE WHEN  
YOU SHARE THE  
LOVE OF POETRY



"I'M GLAD  
YOU'RE ON  
MY TEAM"

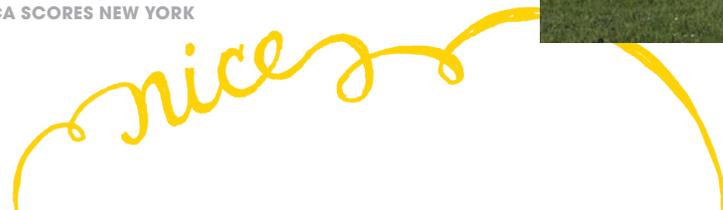


## We Have Our Moments

We laugh and play and have fun everyday  
We joke and have luck but sometimes we don't get along  
You know I love you I will never let you go  
I get mad at you but I can't hold my anger for too long  
Because whenever I do I feel like I did you wrong  
Because remember this, if we are a million miles away  
I still feel like I'm with you  
Everyday a piece of you stays in my heart,  
Never forget me, I'm begging you please  
If you ever need me I will be there  
In a breeze

**Maria R., 11**

AMERICA SCORES NEW YORK



POET



TEAMWORK  
MAKES  
THE DREAM  
WORK

## The Scariest Day Of My Life

The scariest day of my life happened  
When there was a 5.0 earthquake  
I had to crawl under the table  
Buildings fell and some people died  
It was both scary and sad  
It felt like the end of the world

**Sebastian O., 8**  
AMERICA SCORES LA

## The Pain I Feel Inside

In the day I sigh  
In the night I start to cry  
Just thinking about you turns my insides black and blue  
As I talk to my mom about my father, it seemed like her  
whole day began to get darker  
And then I would think...  
Wait what did he do for me?  
The only thing he did was see me weep  
He was not there since birth  
He said I was a mistake  
And now you expect me to forgive you  
put my heart at stake  
Wait no not stake, you left me for my heart to break  
Every time I look at myself I see you then I think what did  
I do to make you hate me?  
Is it because I told my mom your girlfriend hit me  
Those are all the questions I got to say...  
All I know is that you created a beautiful blessing  
at the end of the day.

**Maleeya, 10**  
AMERICA SCORES SEATTLE

## Relentless

I have a burning desire  
That just won't die  
The more I ignore  
The higher the fire rises  
I thought it was over  
But everywhere I turn  
It reminds me of a dream  
That I let burn  
I know now what I must do  
Let go of the lies and follow my truth

**Yasmin S., 13**  
DC SCORES



Read the poetry on this page.  
Can you find a word with three syllables?

Lee la poesía en esta página.  
¿Puedes encontrar una palabra con tres sílabas?

Write it here: \_\_\_\_\_

Escríbala aquí: \_\_\_\_\_

Can you think of 3 words that rhyme with  
the word you found?

¿Puedes identificar tres palabras que rimen  
con la palabra que encontraste?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# Playing Football With Heather O'Reilly

Long-time America SCORES champion Heather O'Reilly is a U.S. Women's National Team legend. Over a 14-year career, she won three Olympic Gold medals and the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup while scoring 47 goals as both a forward and midfielder. After retiring from the team last fall, Heather decided to cross the ocean to play for Arsenal Ladies F.C. Ahead of her debut season, Heather chatted with us about her new life in England.



## WHAT'S IT LIKE TO PLAY SOCCER IN A DIFFERENT COUNTRY?

It's cool! The other players speak English so it is easy. But there are things that are different, like they call it football and I call it soccer. But it is a lot of fun because even though we grew up in different places, we are connected by the beautiful game of soccer and we "talk" with our feet!

## WHAT'S THE STRANGEST/FUNNIEST THING ABOUT LIVING IN ENGLAND?

Driving on the left side of the road for the first time was weird! I was freaking out. Now I have the hang of it.

## WHAT DID IT FEEL LIKE TO WIN THE WORLD CUP?

Winning was very special because that was a lifetime of work, individually and as a team, that went into it. To see that pay off on the grandest stage was very memorable. Also, all 23 team members were part of the journey and that was really cool.

## WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY OF WORKING WITH AMERICA SCORES?

My favorite memory is hearing David Joseph, who worked for many years at America SCORES LA, speak about the alumni of the program. He was so proud of them! They grew up to be strong and confident

and healthy because of America SCORES and I loved seeing his face light up when he talked about them.

## WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR YOUNG GIRLS WHO PLAY SPORTS?

Dream big dreams. Outwork everyone else. And be yourself. If you can do those three things well, you will achieve a lot in sports and in life! 





Fly  
Emirates



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# Game Time!

## RHYME SAYERS

### Tongue Twister Word Scramble

Unscramble each of the words below to reveal a tongue twister. Then, try to say it as fast as you can!

**HINT:** Each word starts with the letter "S"

**T-XYIXSSI** \_\_\_\_\_

**LCISK** \_\_\_\_\_

**ERCCSO** \_\_\_\_\_

**SRTAS** \_\_\_\_\_

**PTISRN** \_\_\_\_\_

**ELDSI** \_\_\_\_\_

**CROES** \_\_\_\_\_

## ACROSTIC ACROBATICS

### Awesome ABCs

**DON'T WORRY,  
WE SET IT UP  
FOR YOU!**

Can you think of a time this year in America SCORES that made you really happy? Start an alphabet poem about it. Remember: the first word in each line of an alphabet poem begins with the next letter of the alphabet.

**The first line begins with A, the second with B, and so on.**

¿Puedes identificar alguna vez este año cuando America SCORES te hizo muy feliz? Empaieza con un poema alfabeto sobre este momento. Acuérdate: la primera palabra de cada línea de un poema alfabeto comienza con la próxima letra del alfabeto. La primera línea comienza con A, la segunda con B, et cétera. ¡Hicimos un plan para tí!

**A**

**B**

**C**

**D**

**E**

**F**

**G**





## Soccer

When I'm on the field I'm on fire,  
 If my team wins or loses, don't matter at  
 least I played with my desire.  
 Sometimes when I fall,  
 It's while I'm kicking the soccer ball.  
 If you wanna see me rollin,  
 Put me in goalie cause you know I can catch that soccer ball.  
 Our team has an incredible defence,  
 Yours doesn't, no offence.  
 My team can run, jump, kick and score,  
 And when we'll score you'll hear us roar.  
 It's absolutely fun,  
 When I play in the sun, while I run, while kicking the soccer ball.  
 Use teamwork when there is any situation,  
 Then they'll be no frustration and no hesitation.  
 Rain or sun I'll still play on.

**Arshyot D., 10**  
 Canada SCORES Vancouver

## I Love Soccer

I love to play soccer  
 No one will ever be a mocker  
 To this amazing sport  
 I hope the games will never be short.  
 When you score a goal  
 It feels like you own gold  
 And when you win the game  
 And everyone hollers your name  
 It feels like you accomplish your mission  
 And you'll really be wishin  
 That the next game comes soon  
 Even if you have to go to the moon.

**Cammyla V., 9**  
 America SCORES New York

**SMILES AND SOCCER,  
 SMILES AND POETRY!!!**



# Writing What's Personal with Charity Blackwell

Hey! FOLLOW @-CHARITYBLACK FOR MORE UPDATES!

**Charity is a former Coach Across America coach for DC SCORES who has hosted multiple SCORES events, including the 2015 and 2016 National Poetry SLAM!s. She is active in the D.C. spoken-word scene and has performed several times at local venue Busboys and Poets. Charity recently completed a Master's degree in communications with a concentration in leadership at Trinity University, where she also obtained her undergraduate degree and played soccer for four years.**



## WHAT INSPIRES YOU TO WRITE POETRY?

My everyday life experiences inspire me to write. I used to write nonstop when I was younger, but I drifted away from it until 2015, when I lost the most influential person in my life: my mother. I found myself desperately seeking an outlet during this time. An old college teacher reached out to me and encouraged me to spill my feelings into my poetry. She reminded me of the power of words.

So I began to write again, and I have not stopped since.

## WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE KIND OF POETRY?

My favorite kind of poetry is the spoken word. I love hard hitting, powerful poetry that speaks to the soul. The kind of poetry, as we say at Busboys and Poets, that make you have a "Chocolate at the roof of your mouth Mmmmmmm" moment. That's the kind of poetry that speaks my kind of language.

## WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY OF A POET-ATHLETE?

When I was a SCORES coach, we had to make poetry sessions mandatory because some students were only coming for soccer. If a player didn't show up, they couldn't play in the next game. When five of my best players didn't show up to poetry and we had to play the 2nd ranked team in the league, the odds were set against us. But we won that game and we went on to win the championship. I was more impressed, however, with the nine girls who showed up. They were not the most athletic or skilled, but they were dedicated and passionate.

## DO YOU EVER GET NERVOUS ONSTAGE? WHAT TIPS DO YOU HAVE FOR NERVOUS POET-ATHLETES?

I do get nervous on stage! The best tip I can give to nervous poet athletes is to have the mentality of LeBron James in Game 7 of the 2016 NBA Finals: "I give everything I got and I'm going to live with the results." Just go out and give your all. Be yourself and be satisfied with the results.

## WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR POET-ATHLETES WRITING POETRY?

I advise all of the poet-athletes out there to never stop writing. Poetry is a reflection of yourself. You are poetry so whatever you write is putting yourself on paper. When you are happy, write. When you are angry, write. When you are confused, write.

## WHICH POEM DID YOU SHARE WITH US AND WHY DID YOU CHOOSE IT?

I am sharing a poem titled "Soccer and Poetry". I wrote this poem as a dedication to my two passions and my mother. It's one of the most emotional pieces I've ever written. 

**Poetry is a reflection of yourself. You are poetry so whatever you write is putting yourself on paper.**



I LOVE  
HARD HITTING,  
POWERFUL POETRY  
THAT SPEAKS TO  
THE SOUL.

# Soccer and Poetry

Charity Blackwell

Coming up in this world, I didn't know I would grow to be  
A fuse between the crafts of soccer and poetry  
But I notice the,  
Two combined  
have made what you know to be,  
Yours truly,  
Charity Blackwell  
Crafted from soccer and poetry

## Soccer

Growing up, I ain't look like much  
Too manly,  
Missing the grace  
Of the feminine touch

Tomboy with the chip tooth,  
From being too rough,  
Left out of sleep overs,  
I wasn't girly enough

## But Soccer,

Outside of family I grew conscious of team  
Not necessarily blood related  
But we got the same dreams  
Blood  
Sweat  
Tears  
Win by any means...

## Poetry

In High School I put the pen to the page  
Emotions engaged,  
Happy or raged,  
I did it for the grade.

But then in college?  
I took it to the stage  
And judging from the feedback  
I guess my rhymes were okay  
OLAY!

## Soccer

In college every moment on the field  
Adrenaline rush,  
Ball and touch,  
Every moment was a thrill  
Winning enough  
Games was tough

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ON NEXT PAGE

But we always showed up still  
We learned that,  
Win or lose  
You never pick or choose  
The option of giving up!

...

### **Moving Up**

to the next stage from college to profession,  
I taught *Soccer and Poetry*  
To kids with aggression  
Towards a society  
That even I can see,  
Tells them,  
They are less  
Worthy or deserving as other kids  
dealt the best hands

...

**Soccer** was their outlet

**Poetry** was their cry.

When they said, "Coach B I feel Like giving up!"

I said,

"You better put it in your lines!"

Since I learned through every actions

You should share your every passion

Because facts,

The impact on those you touch is everlasting...

...

Everything happens for a reason.

Every outcome has a cause..

For a period of time I had to resign

And put my passions on PAUSE...

On

July 23rd 2015,

My mother's body laid cold, dead at the scene.

We knew she was sick, but the doctor said she would be fine

"Patience my child, is the golden key"

But God called his angel home.

This lonely feeling I never felt

The agony of sleepless nights

These cards I was never dealt.

...

My conscious and sanity was boxing it out

Round for round, pound for pound,

But never a clear knock out

...

**"You should have paid attention in CPR class!"**

**"Why didn't you drive to the hospital fast?!"**

**"When you tried to breathe life into her**

**she kept moving your hands!"**

**"Why weren't you strong enough to pin her body to the land?"**

You see these questions kept me guessing,

I kept searching for my lesson

But this quest,

Led to stress,

That made me feel,

More than less than,

The people around me dealt the best hands...

...

### **"Why me? Why now?"**

I felt the creep of depression...

I had to

dig in my roots

To

The girl with the chipped tooth

When

The world told her no, she still shot for the goal

I had to

Dig pass my soul

Pass that crust that was stone cold

To that warm core of poetry that grew to make me

whole

I had to

Fight for my life

I had to

Write to see the light

At the end of the tunnel that seemed to be nothing but  
endless nights

I had to

Gather up my team

Friends and family in a huddle,

Writing plays

Finding ways to navigate through this struggle!

So I write because its therapy,

My pen is always there for me!

And I fight because my team is strong,

They help me move my weight along!

Or

carry some for me.

For

there is no I in TEAM.

Write and Fight!

I see the light my love!

*Soccer and Poetry* **KI**

**GIVE YOUR ALL.  
BE YOURSELF AND  
BE SATISFIED WITH  
THE RESULTS.**



# POETRY STRUGGLES

Poetry lends a rhythm to the complicated world, helping us speak truth through hard circumstances.

A POEM ENTITLED

**AREN'T  
REALLY  
FREE**

We went from the past now  
we coming to the present  
I know it's hard being a  
young black adolescent.

We're seen as something  
we're not just because  
we're black

But as a whole unit we  
can pick up the slack.

In public looking at  
how we dress

Wondering if more people  
dress up like the rest

How about being young,  
black and educated?

Get that degree, now we  
know we're going places.

Tamir Rice was only  
12 when he left Earth  
with God's grace.

I thought they would  
have seen the innocence  
on his face.

That's why I'm just  
walking to the beat  
of my own pace.

My father struggled  
when he was young

That's why he always  
tells me that my  
future's just begun.

That's why when  
he's schoolin me I  
always take a seat

He told me bout his  
hustle. How he got up  
from the streets.

Told me when life knocks  
you down, get back  
up on your two feet

I will be triumphant and  
I will have my feats

We can unite and be  
together just try to  
keep the peace

I won't stop giving  
up on my dream

But I notice that we're  
drifting away faster than it  
seems  
It's like they want us  
to be 6 feet deep

What's the point of  
having freedom if we  
aren't really free?

**JaQuan W., 13**

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THIS POEM IS CALLED

# STOP THE VIOLENCE CHICAGO



I'm not even in my teens,  
So why should I worry about these things....  
because,  
all these things affect us  
all these things impact us  
It shouldn't be this way  
but that's the world we live in today

We got Trump on the track racing Clinton to the White House  
They roast each other on national t.v.  
Is that who we really want for president?  
Is that who I really want to lead me?  
"I will do what I want cuz i'll be president  
So I can send you back where you  
came from, you'll be banned  
I'll make you start all over  
That's how I'll make America great again."

We work 8 hours never  
non-stop  
I try to be a resident to hide from this "future" president  
Trump supporters build walls, we'll take them down  
We crossed over to start all over and we aren't going nowhere  
This is why voting is important  
We don't want to get deported  
we can't let him run the country  
we can't let him run OUR country

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So why should I worry about these things....  
because,  
all these things affect us  
all these things impact us  
It shouldn't be his way  
but that's the world we live in today

**6th-8th Plamondon Team**  
America SCORES Chicago

PUTTING IN THE WORK,  
ON AND OFF THE FIELD



A POEM NAMED

## I AM...



I am the bystander  
I wonder what makes people bully  
I hear people saying things I know they don't mean  
I watch as people's feelings get hurt  
I want to help them make it stop  
I am the bystander



# BUILD



Life is like building a Forever-Tower,  
 So I go to school not to drool,  
 But to prepare for college to  
 get more knowledge,  
 To understand that it is more to a  
 future man than sagging pants,  
 Not that it is right or wrong,  
 And I'm definitely not throwing shade,  
 But do not think you have it made  
 because of a facebook page,  
 It takes time to develop things to  
 help you reach your dreams,  
 So I BUILD to succeed,  
 Not by bricks or stones,  
 But with my mind, heart and spirit,  
 Do not waste your life on  
 confusion because confusion  
 is an obstacle course that  
 you have to defeat,  
 It is ok to make mistakes, so don't let  
 it throw you down on the ground.  
 Life is like building a Forever-  
 Tower, so re-BUILD!

**Isaiah R., 9**  
 America SCORES St. Louis



I pretend that I am fine like nothing is wrong  
 I feel  
 I hurt  
 I crumble  
 I hide  
  
 I am the bystander

I understand I am not alone  
 I say enough is enough  
 I dream to one day make a difference  
 I try to help others reform  
 I hope for a better tomorrow  
  
 I am the bystander

**Edwin L. M., 11 • Juan O., 8 • Angel V., 9 • Christian S., 10**  
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# FOR OUR PAST, OUR BROKEN BROTHERS



THIS POEM IS ENTITLED

**BLACK  
LIVES  
MATTER**



The ground shakes,  
People stand.  
We fight for no more hate,  
Taking risks,  
Our state is known for  
colored people  
We fight for the pile of dead people,  
We stand together,  
Your voice is your power now,  
It's like war,  
But war with weeps and shouts,  
You are in war now

**Anonymous**  
America SCORES Seattle

For our past, our broken brothers.  
We are a family.  
Connected through blood, history, and shared struggle.  
Why do we fight one another?  
We can choose to leave the hardships and troubles in our past  
All we need is a breath that lasts.  
We've felt more pain than others.  
But we've been able to withstand it by standing together.  
We've been beaten and broken.  
Through slavery, segregation, mass incarceration  
The wounds may heal and the scars may fade.  
But the pain of a thousand atrocities pulses through my veins.  
Beat us down, lock us up.  
I choose to beat the odds and lock those struggles in the past.  
I refuse to let this nightmare last.  
For our past, our broken brothers.  
They thought we would never learn.  
Literacy was a crime, punishable by death.  
Separate, and nowhere close to equal.  
Achievement gaps and failing test scores.  
We cried out with love, and hope, and a hunger for knowledge.  
We were broken.  
But we wrapped the pages of books and the words of poets.  
Like a cast to mend our bones.  
And in the end, we were glorious.  
Mental pain is worse than the physical.  
The images I see others portray don't reflect the me I know.  
Day after day being told you aren't smart enough,  
docile enough, compliant enough.  
You actually start to believe it.  
Why should generations of people feel bad about themselves?  
For our past, our broken brothers.  
We're like a pack of wolves.  
Stronger and smarter together.  
We put up our fist and fight.  
Our brotherhood and sisterhood can be greater.  
If we come together.  
We can be repaired and revived and replenished.  
A wise man once said,  
"Never look down on someone, unless you're helping him up."  
I reach down to my siblings, my family, my friends, my neighborhood.  
And I look up into the future.

**KIPP DC: AIM Team**  
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SOME POEMS DON'T NEED A TITLE

# UNTITLED

We want to go outside and  
play but it's not safe.  
Guns, knives, tools and weapons  
are hurting the people we love.  
My Dad and I were walking to the store  
when we saw a man attack  
a boy and shoot him.  
Guns, knives, tools and weapons  
are hurting the people we love.  
People are crying and people that  
are doing this need to stop hiding.  
I shouldn't have to dodge bullets  
on my way to school.  
What's the point of killing and fighting?  
Can't we just battle it out on a  
basketball court like the old days?  
When people die, we miss them....  
We want to go outside and  
play but it's not safe.  
Homeless people need a helping hand  
not somebody looking down on them.  
Being poor is no way to live,  
it makes me very sad.  
Homelessness is people like us  
they just need good things to live a good life.  
Homeless people need a helping hand  
not somebody looking down on them.  
I want to help by doing my part.  
Love is where it starts.  
We have got to start caring about us.  
People are dying because of  
the color of their skin.  
We need to talk to the police  
and work for an answer.  
Black lives are important.  
Our lives are important.  
We have got to start caring about us.  
Peace is what we need.  
Please stop the killing, Moms,  
Dads and kids are lost.  
We need to find peace,  
God cries, doves cry  
We all cry for peace!

**3rd-5th Mason Girls Team**  
America SCORES Chicago

# VIOLENCE MAKES THE WORLD GO SILENT



When I was young, all my friends and me cared about was  
toys and games.

But nowadays it seems that all I hear is  
fake friends talking about gangs.

In the night I can't fall asleep in peace  
without hearing gunshots.

I pray that it's none of my family or friends that got popped.

Why do you have to shoot your glock  
to represent your block?

People, please stop the violence, the  
violence makes the world go silent!

The only thing you get from violence is committing  
a crime then you have to pay the time.

You will fail if you go to jail.

Prisoners feel like their cell is their own personal hell.

People, please stop the violence, the  
violence makes the world go silent!

Lately, the violence is also from the people who are  
supposed to serve and protect. The uniform doesn't give  
you the right to be violent towards the community.

Altogether we should demonstrate unity.

Cops are supposed to protect and serve, but  
lately it seems like I only see them swerve.

Authorities are making bad choices by  
not letting people use their voices.

People, please stop the violence, the  
violence makes the world go silent!

**6th-8th Spry Boys Team**  
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LET'S  
KICK  
IT!

THAT'S  
Style  
100!

# Poetry Represents

POETRY CAN SAY  
LOUD AND PROUD  
WHO WE ARE,  
WHO WE LOVE,  
AND WHERE  
WE COME FROM.



## Breaking the Chains

Breaking the chains from the caucasian who taught me to read  
to slaves who have been freed  
while we asked "why me?"  
to the north we wanted to flee  
escapes we tried to make  
we sung songs for god's sake  
wanting to save the next generation  
either life behind bars or planting crops while singing  
chains we hear rattling and ringing  
together  
locking arms marching down streets  
hoping one day to go home to start a career of our own  
leaving tears of a heart and a soul  
stories passed down about what we fought for.  
looking down at our rags as we could  
and will be the generation to break the chains

**Julia C., 11**  
DC SCORES

## San Francisco

My family raised me in a city  
Called San Francisco.  
San Francisco is my home,  
Where I live.  
San Francisco is my city,  
Where the muni passes,  
By every other street.  
San Francisco is my circle,  
Where people gather,  
From all over the world.  
San Francisco is my heart,  
Where the people who raised me,  
Are called 家庭.  
San Francisco is me,  
A small boy living in every moment.

**Chris L., 9**  
America SCORES Bay Area

**DID YOU KNOW THAT THIS  
MEANS FAMILY IN CHINESE?  
COOL!**

## My Side

I am from the crowd where people are fearless  
Where our technology is infinite  
I am from the place where your dreams become reality  
I am from where your fear becomes your courage  
Where your hatred becomes your love  
And where your sadness becomes your happiness  
I am from the city where walls are built we build bridges  
I am from the city known for its lights  
I am from the city known for its bridge  
From that dry pie Michael's ice cream  
Running down my chin  
I am from the city of San Francisco  
Where if we have pain or fear we face it together  
And where my run of life began and  
where I will always call my home

**Eriberto J., 10**

America SCORES Bay Area

## This Is Who I Am

I am the man that brought these raging waters  
wonder what it would be to be a animal near its death  
hear the raging roars of dinosaur bones  
coming out of the ground see the air in  
the sky making a beautiful bright sky  
want all the food someone could ever have am  
the man that brought these raging waters  
pretend I am a paleontologist digging up  
bones from prehistoric creatures  
feel my heart beating faster as the time goes by  
trying to go away like a butterfly touch the soft  
and cuddly skin of my dog abercrombie  
worry that we will never come to life cry  
because my memories flutter by  
am the man that brought these raging waters  
understand that you won't get everything you  
want say that god will protect us to our ever life  
dream about going to mexico try to forget my sad past  
hope that I will never forget my loving family am  
the man that brought these raging waters  
And my soul from beyond that shadow that  
lies floating on the floor. shall be lifted???

NEVERMORE

**Jesus S., 10**

America SCORES Bay Area

## Untitled

I am nothing, no I am special  
I am lazy, no I am athletic  
I am boring, no I am crazy  
I am plain, no I am creative  
I am so many things, I am many  
things that are wonderful  
You might not think I'm special  
You might think I am fragile, yes it could be true  
But I'm protecting you  
If you protect me, you'll see that I'm many things  
I am special to you and me

**Carina C., 10**

America SCORES Denver



## I Am

I am from Cuba. Yo soy de Cuba.  
I am from Mexico. Yo soy de Mexico.  
I am from Puerto Rico. Yo soy de Puerto Rico.  
I am from Sudan. En fle tor Sudan.  
I am from the Democratic Republic of Congo.  
I am kutoka Jamhuri ya Kidemokrasia ya Kongo  
I am respectful. Yo soy respetuosa.  
I am intelligent. Yo soy inteelligiente.  
I am strong. Yo soy fuerte.  
I am loving. Yo soy amorosa.  
I am beautiful. En cirp pischfi.  
I am special. I am maalum.

**Thomas Jefferson International  
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America SCORES Cleveland



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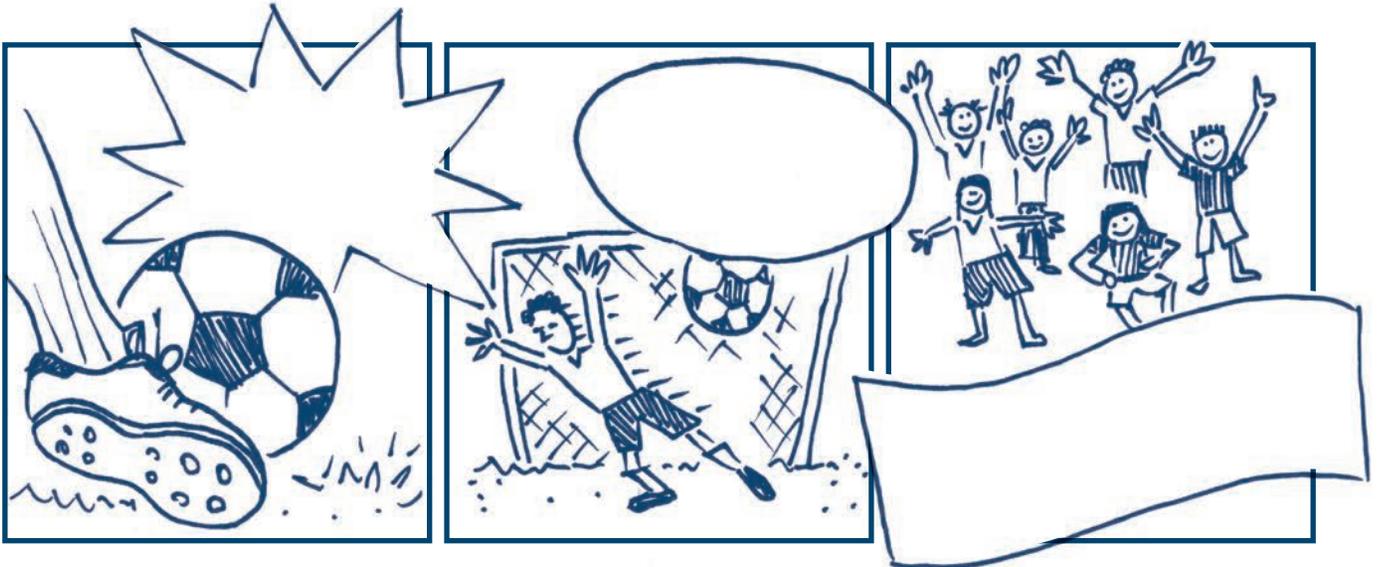
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# Crazy Comics



**Fill in the bubbles below with an onomatopoeia that describes the sound of what's going on in the comic!**

Remember, an onomatopoeia is a word that sounds like the thing it's describing, like "buzz" or "plop."

**Llena las burbujas abajo con una onomatopeya que describe el sonido de lo que está pasando en el tebeo.**

Acuérdate, una onomatopeya es una palabra que suena como la cosa que describe, como "miau" o "bzzz."

# Let's Doodle!



Did you find all the soccer balls?

Want the answer?

**You can find it upside down at the bottom of this page.**

¿Encontraste todos los balones de fútbol?

¿Quieres la solución?

**Se puede encontrarla al revés al pie de la página.**

There are 14 soccer balls!

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