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# StoryTrails

Investigate your world through art and nature

If you enjoyed Dave the Potter, then explore more stories of pottery, poetry, and inspiring artists with these books and resources!

What does  
the clay  
say?



## Recommended Reading

Uptown, Martin's Big Words, and Visiting Langston by Bryan Collier  
The Pot that Juan Built by Nancy Andrews-Goebel  
Pizza, Pigs, and Poetry: How to Write a Poem by Jack Prelutsky  
Ceramics for Kids: Creative Clay Projects to Pinch, Roll, Coil, Slam & Twist, by Mary Ellis  
Maria Martinez: Pueblo Potter by Peter Anderson

## Links

Laban Carrick Hill Author's Website - <http://www.labanhill.com/>  
Video Interview with illustrator Bryan Collier - <http://www.readingrockets.org/books/interviews/collier/>  
Forms of art in slave culture - PBS - <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/slavery/experience/education/history.html>  
National Park Service "Aboard the Underground Railroad" - <http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/travel/underground/tml>  
National Geographic's Underground Railroad Interactive - [http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/multimedia/interactive/the-underground-railroad/?ar\\_a=1](http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/multimedia/interactive/the-underground-railroad/?ar_a=1)  
Writing with Writers: Poetry for Kids - <http://teacher.scholastic.com/writewit/poetry/>

## Activity to Try at Home: Write an 'I am' poem

Fill in these lines to use poetry to tell the world who you are!

I Am

I am (two special characteristics)  
I wonder (something you are actually curious about)  
I hear (an imaginary sound)  
I see (an imaginary sight)  
I want (an actual desire)  
I am (the first line of the poem restated)

You can make your poem longer using other verbs like these: pretend, feel, touch, worry, try, understand, say, dream, hope.



Will Miss Hunnicutt's hat ruin the royal visit? Find out September 9 in "Hats off to you!" and create your own hatbox