

Modern Lamentations by Joanna Haveman

Are you there?

Many people don't Believe anymore

Can you see us?

Disaster is everywhere

Every day, bad things happen

Have you Forgotten about us?

God, why don't you answer?

Hear us, we are crying out to you

It's all over the world

InJustice, violence, poverty, abortion

Killing seems like a regular occurrence

Lying and stealing happen every day

Money and power is all people want

Nobody seems to notice the homeless

Or the rundown neighbourhoods full of drugs & alcohol

People ignore them, they pretend that nothing's the matter

Nobody Questions what is right or wrong

Racism runs rampant

Suicide occurs everywhere, every day

The government is turning us away from you

Uncertainty lingers over us

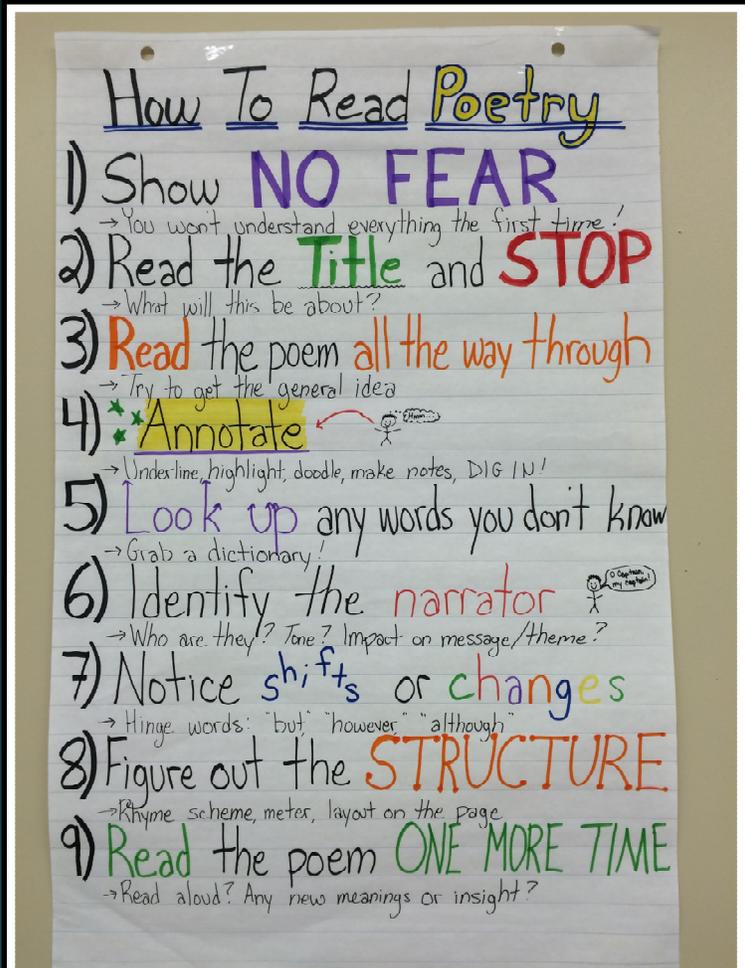
Violence won't stop unless we do something

So Why do we sit back doing nothing?

People are eXecuted every year, every where and we don't
even realize

Young kids are abused and killed

God of Zion, please come soon



We have learned some steps and techniques for reading and understanding poetry. This has really helped direct our discussions and the students are getting quite good at analyzing poetry for symbolism, metaphors and other literary devices!

"Poetry is when an emotion has found its thought and the thought has found words." - Robert Frost, American poet

Modern Laments by Joel Cramer

Abortion is bad
Because it is murder.
Crazy people think they can do anything they want
Devil is corrupting more and more people.
Eternity in hell happens to lots of people.
Friends become enemies
God please help us!
Homosexuality is casual and normal.
Isis is killing Jews and Christians.
Jesus isn't taken seriously
Killing people for no reason
Laziness and people who can't do their task
Many different religions
Not many people believe in God
Oppressing God's law
Persecution to Christians
inquire sin to take over our lives
Respect is nothing anymore
Sexual immorality is normal
Taking stuff that's not yours
Just and unchaste acts
Violence and death
War for no reason, or for
extra power to become better in the world's eyes
Yearning for power and money
Zealous towards fighting

From The Teacher's Desk...

This year is just flying by...I can't believe it is April already!

In February, we had another student join our class. It has been great having Ian with us; it's always nice to have another voice in the room!

I am happy to report that all the work we have been doing on writing has been paying off. I have seen such an improvement in everyone's writing, and am excited to see how much we can grow in the last few months of school! We are also having some really great discussions in our poetry unit; I have some very wise and insightful teenagers on my hands!

We combined our poetry unit with Bible for a day and wrote a modern version of Lamentations in the same style it was written – acrostic poetry using the alphabet! Lamentations is written as an acrostic using the Hebrew alphabet...I'm not well-versed in teaching Hebrew, so we just used our alphabet. Check out the awesome work our students have done!

As always, I welcome any questions, concerns or ideas. Please feel free to email or call me!

"Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime." – Martin Luther

~ Ms. Indrevold

