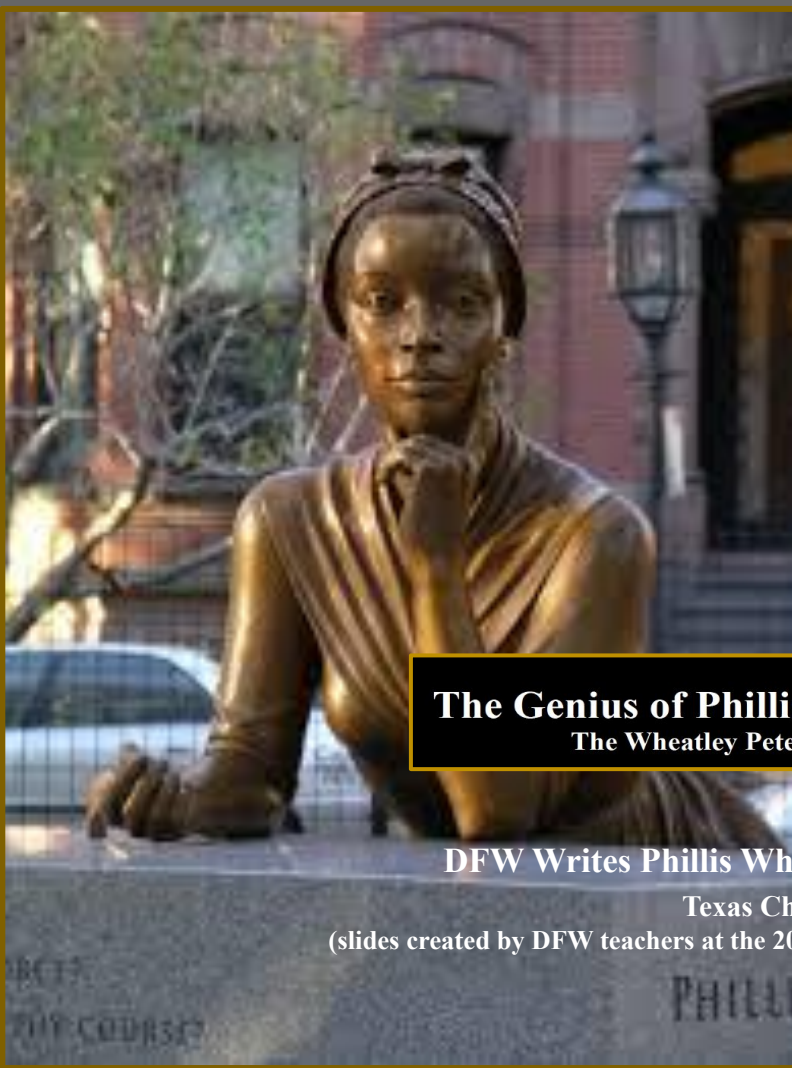


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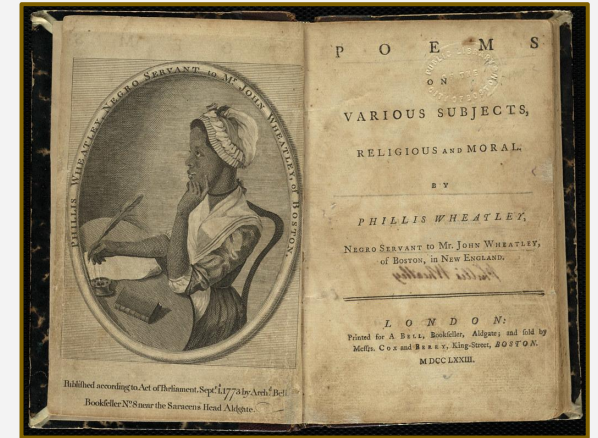
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Thank-you for Your Poems

Thank you, Phillis.
For being a window into a past time
For writing to us by writing about others
For bringing your life to us.
For honoring Africa and Black Americans
Even in a time of slavery.
You give us hope.
You show us the power of words and writing.
Thank you.

*Images:
Plaque at site of PWP's original book publisher
Frontispiece and title page of her 1773 book*





Words that Fly

*If you don't want someone to build, hide the wood and steel
Tell them where to go, what to do, how to feel
What can we learn from the girl named after a boat?
What doesn't sink the ship can sometimes keep it afloat
If your mind is free then you can never be restrained
They can keep your body in a cage but a mind can't be chained
Phillis used words to set herself free
Ink on a page as free as a fish in the sea
Words that can swim but also have wings to fly
Across the years and through the transcendent sky
Her words free us now, calling us home
The mind that is free will never be alone
Never be alone
You are not alone
We are not alone*

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A Writer and Role Model

Phillis Wheatley was a young writer.

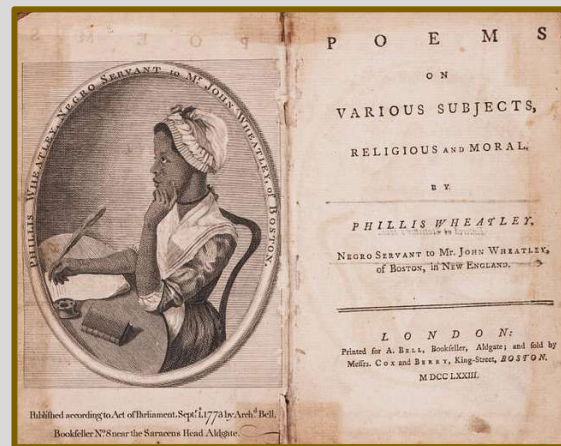
She is the young girl that was renamed upon her arrival to America.

She is the young slave of the Wheatley family in Boston.

She is a learner, observing and practicing the formation of letters.

She is a creator as she uses her writing skills to craft poems.

She is the poet who had to sail to Europe in order to have her poems published, just because of the color of her skin.



Phillis Wheatley is a role model to all.

She is self-taught.

She is determined.

She paved the way for many.

She continues to touch the lives of people she never even knew.

She is a poet that many young writers look up to for her perseverance and dedication to the art of poetry.

Reflections of a Writing Teacher... Who Is Still Looking for the Words

Phillis teaches me...

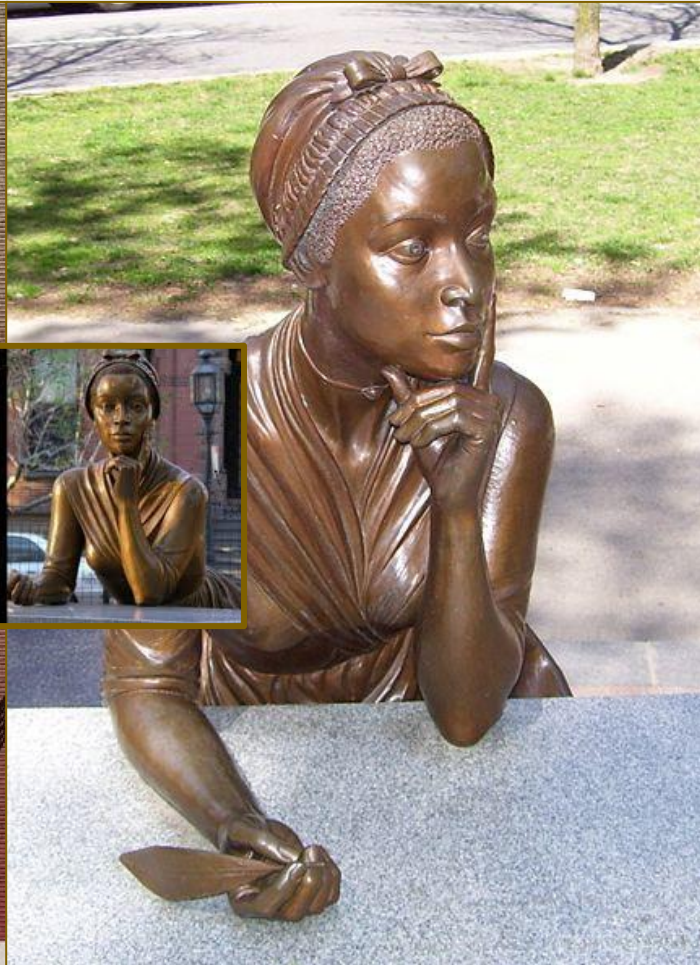
That there is a different place from which to write... and therefore a different place from which to *teach* writing.

Phillis
Wheatley
Peters

ON
IMAGINATION

By Phillis Wheatley

ReadWithVosola



I'm a writing

teacher with so much to learn from you, Phillis.

Like when...

You turn to writing because it's all you have.

Like when...

You turn to writing to demand full humanity to all.

Like when...

You turn to writing to be visible in a world that invisibilizes you.

Like when...

You turn to writing to craft a voice that has been disregarded.

Like when...

You turn to writing to create a personhood in a world that has only made you its raw commodity.

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A Black woman,
An inspiration,
To those during, and those after.
A writer,
A role model,
To those in power and those
oppressed.
A name stolen,
A freedom stolen.
A name given,
A freedom rewritten.
A society changed,
For those now and later.



Phillis



Inspired

Phillis

You inspire us.

How did you find words, so far from your home?
I see your writing
And I want to write too.

Statues honor you, but they stand still.
You kept moving and doing.

Walking in Boston, in places you went.
I couldn't see you, of course.
But sometimes
I heard your voice in those spaces.
Imagined your presence
Returned.

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is a **ROLE MODEL**
is an **AUTHOR**
was **DETERMINED**
PERSEVERED

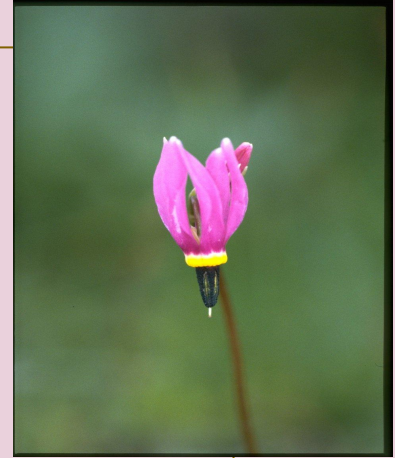


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Genius

Phillis Wheatley Peters
Was ahead of her time
Writing down the line
To advance her mind
Keeping the time
For future mankind



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CELEBRATE

Phillis Wheatley Peters

She overcame

It didn't matter where she started

She overcame

Racism, slavery, ownership

She discovered

She discovered her talents

Talents for learning, writing, creating poetry

She created

She created poetry

She created hope

Hope

She created hope for future girls

She created hope for future African Americans

She left her legacy for future generations

Celebrate Phillis Wheatley Peters!



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OUR GOAL:

To promote student writing in response to PWP's life and work

Click boxes below for more materials.

Grades 3-5 CONTEST: **Visual Poem**

Students in grades 3-5 compose visual-poetic texts connecting to Phillis Wheatley Peter's life as a poet and writer.

Grades 6-8 CONTEST: **Letter to a Contemporary of Phillis Wheatley Peter**

Students in grades 6-8 compose letters reflecting knowledge of a key actor/supporter in Phillis Wheatley Peter's life.

Grades 9-12 CONTEST: **Multimedia Essay**

Students in grades 9-12 compose visual arguments examining the social impact of Phillis Wheatley Peter's authorship and life.

Click here for contest flyers.

Send contest entry to:

<https://tinyurl.com/DFW-contest>

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