**Are you an Instapoet? Presenting and Performing instapoetry**

– linking related texts and publishing –

**Info Box – Performing Instapoetry:** As you know now Instapoems are texts that combine a number of elements and are usually published online on Instagram. The text, the visual and the caption can be considered different modes that complete each other to make meaning. But apart from publishing poems to be read on Instagram Rupi Kaur and other Instapoets are also *spoken word artists. Spoken word artists* perform their poems to an audience which makes Instapoetry transmedial. Thus, the total artwork consists of both, text and performance.



Please use your headphones for the first three tasks

**Linking to related texts:**

1. Take time and watch Rupi Kaur perform one of her poems live on stage. Let all the impressions sink in. After you finished watching sketch your first impression.
   * (<https://www.instagram.com/reel/CTqGprIgLIA/?next=%2F>).
2. Watch the video again and listen closely. You may stop the video at any moment, fast-forward and rewind as you like to make sure you understand the poem.
3. Sum up the essence of the poem in your own words.
4. Read the print version of her poem (<https://www.instagram.com/p/CayCXxKgFNO/>). You may use an (online) dictionary to check any unfamiliar words.
5. Watch the video again and concentrate on the performance. Analyse Kaur’s presentation. Use the following questions as a guideline.

* How can the performance be related to the text and how does it contribute to the meaning that is being made?
* How does Kaur interact with her audience?
* How does Kaur behave/move on stage?
* What can you note about her language/the way she speaks?
* What else is special about the performance?
* Do you recognize new aspects of the poem now it is performed?

1. In a group: characterize the features of Kaur’s performance. Based on your findings write a list of ‘criteria for performed poetry’. Share your group results on *Oncoo* via the QR-code or link. Please use the correct colour for each card you share.



group 1. – red cards

group 2. – green cards

group 3. – blue cards

group 4. – yellow cards

group 5. – pink cards

group 6. – white cards

**Re-Publishing:**

1. Perform your poem. When preparing your performance for presentation you are free to choose from the following options:

* perform live in front of the class
* create an Instagram story or a video post and share it on Instagram
* create a Reel in which you combine your reading, music, pictures and texts. Use this post as a reference (<https://www.instagram.com/reel/CjRRtnbAgNc/>)

If you come up with another idea for performing your poem, feel free to share it with your teacher. Remember that your performance will be evaluated and assessed according to the criteria of performed poetry.

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