

English Competition

This week's competition will give you a chance to be creative and also express your experiences of the current lockdown situation.

You are invited to write a poem based on the global pandemic and the effect it has had on our daily lives.



Genius during adversity!

Some very famous artists have created some of their best work through adversity (going through something difficult), look at all these fab examples and be inspired to create your own piece of 'genius'.

Simon Armitage is a very famous poet – we study him in English! He wrote this poem shortly after the 9/11 tragedy.

Follow the link and see how he created a poem about the tragedy.

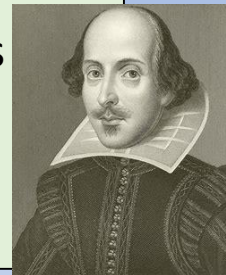
<https://www.scottishpoetrylibrary.org.uk/poem/out-blue-12/>



Shakespeare, one of Britain's greatest writers, experienced many plagues during his life with many of the people he knew dying. Instead of allowing this to stop him, he wrote many poems and plays whilst in quarantine, some big ones such as King Lear!

You can find all of his sonnets (poems) here:

<http://shakespeares-sonnets.com/>



Back to Simon Armitage, read this fab poem he wrote recently about Coronavirus!

You really can create good out of bad!

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2020/mar/21/lockdown-simon-armitage-writes-poem-about-coronavirus-outbreak>

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Mind-map your ideas and choose your best ones.

Remember it does not have to rhyme.

Write a draft copy of your poem and SPAG check it carefully.

Once you are happy with it, write or type up your poem on **1 side of A4 paper maximum**.

You can add pictures/colour to your poem if you wish.

Email your final copy to your English teacher by **Friday 29th May**.

Winning entries will be announced on Monday 1st June



#PH-ENGLISH

PHantastic Spirit – A poem about Lockdown 2020

The classrooms fell silent, stay home Boris said,
and suddenly the nation felt a great sense of dread.

The reason? A virus, Covid 19,
the worst pandemic this generation has seen.

We wear masks and wash hands to try to protect
against this virus we did not expect.

We work on Doodle, Teams and Zoom,
teaching and learning from our living room.
Lessons replaced by distance learning,
while for a sense of normality we all are yearning.

Some of us feel pain, loss, grief.
A death toll that's beyond belief.

We think of those we loved who've gone,
but still we have to carry on.

Those we live with drive us crazy; we want to go out,
but this virus is deadly, of that there's no doubt,
and so we stay home, old and young alike,
maybe go for walk or a ride on our bike.

We miss family and friends that we cannot visit,
but strangely - it's not all bad is it?

We spend time together; we chat as we cook.
We watch shows on Netflix and read a new book.
People show kindness and consideration,
everyone pulls together as a nation.
We read every Thursday and then clap to support
Our NHS workers and the battle they've fought.

We think of our heroes differently to before,
they are now our key workers and Colonel Tom Moore.
We celebrate VE Day 75
and realise the British spirit is very much alive.
Now, as then, we stand together,
united this storm we will weather.

And although we miss our normal life
we know we will get through this strife.
One day classrooms will be full again,
but just remember until then.
We will not be beaten, broken, defeated.
We'll show PHantastic spirit and together we'll beat it!