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Reflection

I wrote my poem on poverty. I chose poetry to express the frustration of people in need and those that are amongst the impoverished. It is because poverty is a serious economic issue that has to be resolved before more and more people are put out into the streets, or shelters trying to make it. According to a TED-ED video “why is it so hard to escape poverty” states “If those in poverty know they’ll gain no net benefit from working, they’re incentivized to remain in government assistance.” This quote refers to how working doesn’t always benefit, which is why I wrote my poem on a man who is asking for help in the streets rather somewhere where they could offer him something more. This poem might not relate to everyone personally, but hoping that many people understand the difficulties that impoverished people have to face on a daily. I am hoping that my audience can relate to the mere fact that they notice impoverished people on a daily basis and it’s an issue that needs to be resolved. I’m leaning towards bringing in adults, whom those of which have jobs that are front line in helping the impoverished or even those who can volunteer as shelters or food banks to help. Not only so they can relate to knowing of the issue, but to making them want to help one of the world's biggest economical issues.

I felt choosing poetry was the right choice when it came down to it. Poetry has many traits, those of which helped me with writing about poverty. Poetry is an expressive writing style that

helped me write a story around poverty and the struggle of not having anything. The tone and rhythm of poems helped me put emotion into my writing. Patterns are also a unique trait giving the readers an idea of what the poem is about like the repetition of lines. One last trait is rhyme, this hooks in the readers to keep reading and learn something new from the authors. Poems may be shorter than writing an essay or open letter, but poems have a lot of meaning behind it especially when it's about important topics. I chose poverty as my topic of choice because it's a serious economic issue that hasn't been solved. Writing this poem was my way of bringing some sort of light to the issue and giving poverty the recognition it deserves.

According to Fay, Bill. "Poverty in the United States." Debt.Org, 12 Oct. 2021. The cite states "According to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2022 Current Population Report, 37.9 million Americans are considered impoverished." With this information I had to write a poem about poverty, knowing there were reported 37.9 million Americans that were impoverished in 2021, I could only imagine the change two years later. Reading up on poverty and doing my research made me realize how serious it really is and how big the poverty is in America alone. These sources and my own experiences are the reasons why I chose poverty as my topic and poetry as my genre.