"These Words Are Spoken" Planet Wordshop

Policies, Procedures, and Additional Information

Program Description and Timeline

Main Idea and Learning Goal

Students will learn that a dialect is a form of a language that is specific to a certain geographical region or social group. They will learn that dialects have rules, that a person can be fluent in more than one dialect, and that each of them is fluent in one or more dialects. Students will analyze the spoken word poetry piece "Broken English" by Jamilla Lyiscott to explore the idea of facility of expression in multiple dialects, consider where in their lives they employ different ways of speaking, and consider ways in which, as Lyiscott says: "They mix it up because they can."

Intended Audience

Grades 9-12. 5-32 students. At least one school employee/supervising adult MUST participate.

Timeline

Planet Word programs are adaptable and highly-participatory and may change depending on student engagement. A rough outline of the hour-long program follows:

1. 15 mins -   Dialect game – pronunciation, vocabulary, grammar
2. 5 mins -   Introduction to Planet Word/Advance Organizer
3. 5 mins -   Activation Questions
4. 10 mins -   Linguistic Privilege self-reflection activity
5. 15 mins -   Analyze "Broken English" by Jamila Lyiscott
6. 5 mins -   Linguistic bias and Language Identity acknowledgement
7. 5 mins -   Conclusion

Standards Alignment

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.1.E

Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.*

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.9-10.3 and CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.11-12.3

Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

CASEL 5 Framework:

Social Awareness: The abilities to understand the perspectives of and empathize with others, including those from diverse backgrounds, cultures, and contexts. This includes the capacities to feel compassion for others, understand broader historical and social norms for behavior in different settings, and recognize family, school, and community resources and supports.

Self-Awareness: The abilities to understand one's own emotions, thoughts, and values and how they influence behavior across contexts.

- Integrating personal and social identities
- Identifying personal, cultural, and linguistic assets
- Examining prejudices and biases

Relationship Skills: The abilities to establish and maintain healthy and supportive relationships and to effectively navigate settings with diverse individuals and groups.

- Demonstrating cultural competency
- Standing up for the rights of others

Cost and Payment

Virtual Planet Wordshops cost $125 USD per program. On-site Planet Wordshops cost $200 USD per program. This fee is waived for Title I schools and non-profit organizations serving disadvantaged populations in D.C., Maryland (Anne Arundel, Howard, Montgomery, and Prince George's counties), and Virginia (Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax, Falls Church, and Prince William counties), or a similar geographic range.

- The fees help ensure Planet Word can provide a qualified educator for the duration of the program, professional registration support, optional pre-visit support calls, and either well-maintained spaces or virtual platforms for all programs.
- Reservation confirmations will be emailed and will include an invoice with payment details.
- Full payment must be received 3 days in advance of the Wordshop reservation date to avoid cancellation. Planet Word accepts payment via check or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express). Credit Card Payments can be made via phone only 202-931-3150, Monday-Friday, 9 AM – 5 PM. Please make all checks payable to: Planet Word or The Museum of Language Arts, Inc.

Cancellation

- Please give us 2 weeks' notice if you need to change your reservation, and we will be happy to work with you to reschedule. Your consideration helps us serve as many groups as possible. Programs cancelled with less than 1 weeks' notice will not be eligible for a refund.
- If Planet Word needs to cancel your program for any reason, Planet Word will work with you to reschedule at another time. If we are not able to agree on a date to reschedule, and you have paid for your program, your program fee will be refunded.

Participants

Grades 6-12. 5-35 students. At least one school employee/supervising adult MUST participate.

Behavior Expectations

- Planet Word believes that everyone involved in our programming should be treated with respect- educators, parents, and students. Participants are responsible for behaving in a way that does not intimidate, endanger, or disrupt the participation of others. Any form or written or verbal abuse will not be tolerated.

- If the above behavior expectations are not followed, Planet Word educators may provide a verbal redirection. If the behavior continues, Planet Word educators may remove the participant from the program or end the program.

Expectations for Adult Educators and Chaperones

- At least one school employee/supervising adult MUST participate to ensure the safety and security of all involved.
- The adult is responsible for making sure participants adhere to the behavior expectations above.

For Virtual Wordshops:

- If the supervising adult is unable to participate or loses internet connection during the call, the Planet Word educator will end the program.
- The supervising adult will serve as a co-host to the meeting and will be responsible for admitting students to the virtual room.
- The Words Matter Planet Wordshop requires group work. The supervising adult will be responsible for dividing students into groups during the program.

For On-site Wordshops:

- The supervising adult must be actively involved in redirecting students and actively engaging them in the learning experience for the entire program. If the supervising adult leaves the room, the Planet Word educator will end the program.

Virtual Tech and Security Requirements

- Planet Word will do our best to meet your group's security needs. If you prefer for us to send you a unique virtual meeting link on Zoom, or for us to join you in your digital classroom, we're happy to be flexible. Let us know what you need.
- The Planet Word educator must have the ability to share their screen.