

UNICEF: Voices of Youth - Violence and Conflict
Poems for PEACE

The poems on the website are written by students in Afghanistan, Mali, Somalia, Syria, Ukraine, and Yemen. Their poems reflect their thoughts, feelings, and concerns about their personal experience with war and conflict.

<https://www.voicesofyouth.org/poems-for-peace>

Find all the countries on a world map and make a mental note of the region each country is located in. <https://geology.com/world/world-map.shtml>

What did you learn by locating the regions of all six countries?

Next, choose two poems that are from different regions and read them either silently or out loud. Read the questions in the boxes below and then reread each poem and answer the questions.

Poem 1 Title:	Poem 2 Title:
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Compare and Contrast

In the boxes below compare the two poems you chose. List and describe the similarities and difference you find.

Poem 1 Title:	Poem 2 Title:
List the similarities between the poems.	List the similarities between the poems.
Describe the differences between the poems.	Describe the differences between the poems.

Write a summary of what you learned by focusing on the similarities and differences.



Create a List Poem about Peace

A list poem can highlight a tally or checklist of ideas, people, places, or things. A list poem, also known as a catalogue poem, does not need to rhyme or include rhythm. The title will explain what the list poem is about. A list poem can be any length, can include repetition, and focuses on word choices that are memorable, notable, and interesting.

Steps to Creating a List Poem

1. Brainstorm five words that quickly come to mind when you think of peace.
2. Can you brainstorm five more words?
3. Can you add adjectives to any of the words?
4. What phrase will your list poem start with? Will this phrase repeat?
5. Think about the order of your list from the beginning to the end. How does it flow?
6. What is Peace? How does Peace begin? Where is Peace?