

# Poetry Out Loud 2016-17

*“You have to give poetry a chance.  
Poetry snuck up on me. It was  
something that really latched onto me.  
Something like that could happen to  
anybody if they just give it a chance.”*

~ 2013 POL Washington State & National  
Champion, Langston Ward (right) from a 2016  
interview for the NEA Blog [Art Works](#)



## School Registration: August 15 - November 18

The Washington State Arts Commission presents Poetry Out Loud:  
A program open to any school in Washington State serving students in grades 9-12. Bring  
language to life in your classroom this year, using poetry recitation to engage and inspire.

Information and Registration at [www.arts.wa.gov](http://www.arts.wa.gov)



2016 Washington State Poetry Out Loud Finalist at the State Final Competition, March 5<sup>th</sup>

