

## LANGUAGE DAY IN A CREATIVE CLASSROOM

Place : II B Cambridge / Creative Class

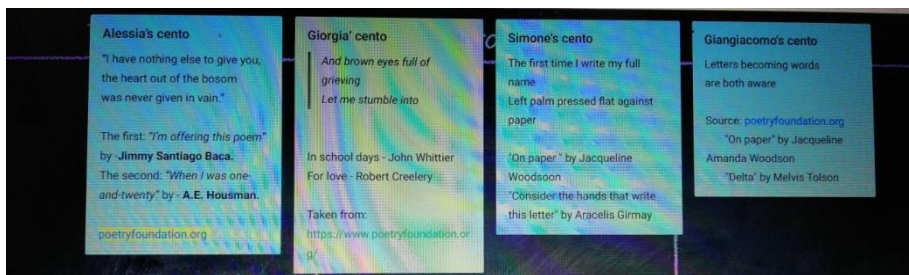
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Time : 31/1/2019

Level :B1/B2

Activity : how to make a poem and have fun

1. We ask students about their favourite poems and then we tell them to create the simplest form of poem called 'Cento' made of 2 lines taken from 2 different poets.
2. They check poets and poems on Poetry Foundation, Poetry Archive, Penn Sound and write their poems in the Language Lab/classroom using computers/tablets and mobiles too! They are impressed on how fun can be writing poems and how nice poetry can be in the English language,
3. They read and explore English poetry sites to find their right lines discovering new amazing poets from all over the world.
4. We advise students that the *cento* doesn't have to make sense. At least not in a logical way. It can be absurd, surreal, sad, bittersweet, meditative...the list is endless. Let yourself be surprised!
5. Then all students sent their cento on Padlet, teacher gives them the link where to publish simultaneously their poems, so they can read them all and debate about it.
6. You can also give an extra activity: to create a short mind-map on the 2 poets chosen for their *cento* to be sent on the Edmodo platform so teacher can check and collect them for a future poem e-magazine..



Biography	Wye Kaminsky	E. E. Cummings
Date/Place of Birth	Kaminsky was born in Odessa, former Soviet Union (now Ukraine), on April 18, 1977.	Edward Eufim Cummings was born on October 14, 1894, in Cambridge, Massachusetts.
Family origins	He lost most of his hearing at the age of four after a doctor misdiagnosed mumps as a cold, and his family was granted political asylum by the United States in 1993, settling in Rochester, New York. After his father's death in 1994, Kaminsky began to write poems in English.	His father was a professor at Harvard University and later became nationally known as the minister of South Congregational Church (Unitarian) in Boston, Massachusetts. <sup>2</sup> His mother, who loved to spend time with her children, played games with Cummings and his sister, Elizabeth. From an early age, Cummings' parents supported his creative gifts.
Personal life	 He married Katie Ferris, an American author and actress.	 Sketches self-portrait circa 1920

