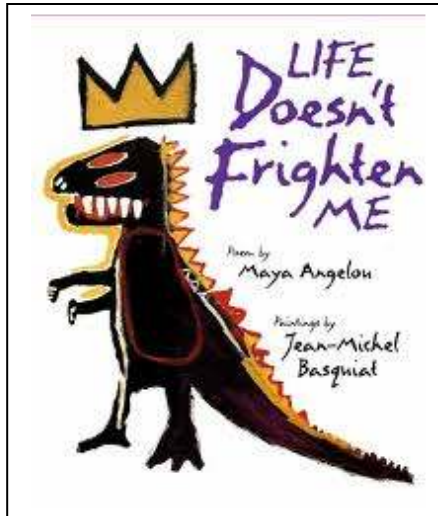


Two Part Lesson for *Life Doesn't Frighten Me*



*Shadows on the wall
Noises down the hall
Life doesn't frighten me at all*

*Bad dogs barking loud
Big ghosts in a cloud
Life doesn't frighten me at all*

– Maya Angelou

Part One

- Read poem featured in the book carefully...aloud if possible.
- Reread poem taking note of the phrases that interest you, scare you, impress you, or surprise you.
- Reread poem to discover all the people, places or things (nouns) in the poem.
- Discuss which nouns interest you, scare you, impress you, or surprise you.
- Reread poem and to discover all of the action words (verbs) in the poem.
- Discuss which verbs interest you, scare you, impress you, or surprise you.
- What does the phrase “Life doesn’t frighten me at all” mean to you? What do you think it means to the poet?
- Become fully engaged in this poem. Which phrase speaks to you? Why? What feelings does this phrase evoke? Describe your feelings.

Part Two

- On one sheet of paper write a long list of things that you are and are not afraid of. Try to come up with at least 10 different things. Get creative...even a little bit silly.
- Using the other sheet of paper write a list poem or a brief paragraph describing what you are not afraid of. Be bold. Go for it!
- Illustrate your poem or paragraph, if you’d like to.
- Share your piece by reading your piece aloud to the group.