**Actuele lesbrief Engels – Pure Poetry**

**Voor de docent**

In de VS verschijnen meer gedichten en worden ze meer gelezen. Daar zijn verschillende verklaringen voor.

**ERK-niveau**

*Lezen B2 – Lezen om informatie op te doen:* *Kan literaire en non-fictie teksten lezen met een redelijke mate van begrip voor het geheel en voor details. (LEB2-3b)*

Leesstrategieën – *Kan gebruikmaken van uiteenlopende strategieën om tot tekstbegrip te komen, waaronder het letten op hoofdpunten.* – *Kan van minder frequente woorden en uitdrukkingen de betekenis controleren door gebruik te maken van websites, (online) fora en eentalige woordenboeken.*

**Intro**

In the United States, poetry is trendy.

Assignment 1

Read the assignment and write down the answers in English. You may use English-language Internet sources to help you.

a Poetry is a form of literature. Name 3 or more other forms of literature or writing in general.

b Name 3 or more English-language poets.

**Pure Poetry**

Poetry is hot.

Read about it [here](https://eu.usatoday.com/story/entertainment/books/2021/02/08/could-renaissance-coming-poetry-wake-pandemic/6256821002/). Read up to ***Poets and their work have viral potential in social media age***.

Assignment 2

Read the text. For each definition, find the word or expression it describes in the text and write it down.

1. the writings of a poet; poems
2. had a special meaning or importance in a personal way
3. full of confusion and unrest, sometimes involving violence
4. a time when people will have to take responsibility for actions in the past
5. a sudden, large increase
6. rebirth; revival
7. continuing to happen
8. the act of destroying something
9. building something again that has been destroyed
10. to appear after a difficult period
11. a period of quiet
12. to the inside of your mind
13. after the pandemic
14. disagreements or fighting between groups of people
15. serious and careful thought

Assignment 3

a Choose the best summary.

1 After a difficult year of pandemic and protest, interest in poetry is growing.

2 In the United States, the Library of Congress selects a poet laureate each year.

3 Since the Renaissance, poetry has always been an important art form.

4 Visits to the poetry website Poets.org have gone up 25 percent in the past year.

b “Poetry is having a moment.” What does this mean?

1 It doesn’t take long to read a poem.

2 Poetry is very popular right now.

3 Reading poems means you have some spare time.

4 Take a moment to read a poem.

c How can poetry help people with their lives?

1 Poems can help people understand children better.

2 Poetry gives people courage to do the right thing in times of protest and a pandemic.

3 Poetry may give people a way to understand themselves and the world around them.

4 Poets can sell more books and earn some money when poetry is popular.