



Different Cultures Poetry

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Poets



John Agard: Playwright, poet, short story and children's writer
John Agard was born on 21 June 1949 in British Guiana (now Guyana). He worked for the Guyana Sunday Chronicle newspaper as sub-editor and feature writer before moving to England in 1977, where he became a touring lecturer for the Commonwealth Institute, travelling to schools throughout the UK to promote a better understanding of Caribbean culture.



Grace Nichols was born and brought up in Guyana, but has lived in the UK since 1977. Her first poetry collection for adults, *I is a Long-Memored Woman*, won the Commonwealth Poetry Prize and was dramatised for radio and film. Since then Grace has written many highly regarded poetry books for adults and children.



Benjamin Zephaniah was born in Birmingham in April, 1958, the son of Caribbean immigrants. His poetry is influenced by the street culture of Jamaica. He moved to London when he was 22. He published his first book of poetry which sold well.



Edward Braithwaite: The birthplace of Edward Braithwaite was located in Bridgetown, Barbados. His birth name was Lawson Edward Braithwaite. He attended Harrison College in Bridgetown in 1945 for his secondary education. He was capable to study at Cambridge University after receiving a Barbados Island Scholarship in 1949.



Imtiaz Dharker is a poet who was born in Pakistan, but has lived in Scotland, England, and India. In addition, she has been awarded the Queen's Gold Medal for Poetry. Beyond her work as a poet, which has been impressive, she has also gained public attention for her drawings and her film writing.

CHALLENGE QUESTION:

Select two poems you have studied in class and write how the poets use imagery in them both.

Poetic techniques: aim to have a good understanding of these techniques

Alliteration	When words placed together have the same start sound <i>She sells sea shells on the sea shore.</i>
Metaphor	Making a comparison between two things that aren't alike but do have something in common. <i>She is a star!</i>
Simile	Comparing two things using as or like . <i>As brave as a lion.</i>
Personification	Giving human traits to something that is not human. <i>Lightning danced across the sky.</i>
Imagery	Helping the reader to form a picture in their minds. <i>It was dark and dim in the forest.</i>
Rhyme	Words that sound the same or are similar in their endings. The cat in the hat .
Rhythm	Makes you want to move or tap your feet

Origins of the Commonwealth countries

The term the Commonwealth of Nations originated in 1884. Lord Rosebery was on a visit to Australia in 1884. At Adelaide he said that over a period of time a number of colonies of the British Empire will become free and many may become more independent. He further said that all of these countries would then become the Commonwealth of Nations.

Research on the different Commonwealth countries:

https://wiki.kidzsearch.com/wiki/Commonwealth_of_Nations

