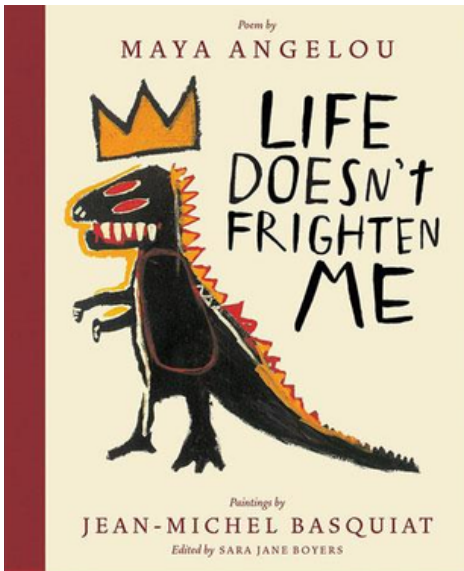


POETIC POWER



To connect to the book's poetic form, this month's project is a combination of written and visual art. First, take time to read *Life Doesn't Frighten Me* and reflect on how Angelou's poem relates to your life. What are your fears, big or small? What makes you feel powerful and courageous?

Then write your own version of Angelou's poem that celebrates your experience with fear and how you embraced and overcame those moments. When your poem is complete, choose your preferred medium to create paired illustrations.

You could also try these alternative projects:

- Create illustrations to pair with Angelou's poem
- Write a poem to pair with Basquiat's paintings
- Use a found poem along with found images to create your own new pairing of poetry and art. This option would be a wonderful collage project.



Maya Angelou



Jean-Michel Basquiat



February Book of the Month

Life Doesn't Frighten Me

To celebrate #BlackHistoryMonth, our February #BookoftheMonth is a celebration of courage, strength and fearlessness. "*Life Doesn't Frighten Me*" pairs powerful poems written by the late Maya Angelou, American author, poet and civil rights activist, with the paintings of the late Jean Michel Basquiat. His work, done in the neo-expressionist style, brings power and imagination to a story that will resonate with readers of all ages.