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### **Maya Angelou**

In the world of poetry, we can class this as a form of creative expression of a person telling their story, and revealing their truth. As a student studying famous poets and the elements of lyric poetry, I am encouraged to continue to share my story. The assignment this week is geared towards examining women in poetry, and I believe that this is quite a treat to be able to understand the reasons for their contributions to poetry today. The theme this year for women's month: "Celebrating women who tell their stories". One factor I know for sure is that women are very strong and powerful beings; sharing their story has always been a means of freedom and prosperity for them. However, I chose to talk about Maya Angelou because I admire her work and contributions to poetry. After reading her biography, I now know that her professions were diverse. She was an author, playwright, and civil rights activist, film producer, actress, dancer and more. At the age of eight years old she was raped and this cause her to become silent and not speak for five years. As a result of this, she developed a love for literature and books. I believe that this is a form of her using her truth to help others to be free from pain. In addition, the overall importance of this poet is that she endured many important historical events in her lifetime and her experience and contribution in poetry creates a significant value for anyone who reads her poem. Words are very powerful, words can set you free and words can keep you bound for years. Maya Angelou's writings and records of expression are unique and allow us as students to be inspired or to try and emulate her works.