

Focus on:

Amanda
Gorman



Who is Amanda Gorman?

Have you heard of Amanda Gorman? If you watched the inauguration of President Biden, you might have seen her. She is a poet who became well known after reciting a poem she wrote at the presidential inauguration in January of 2021.

Amanda was born in Los Angeles on March 7, 1998. She was raised by her mom, Joan Wicks, who is a middle school teacher. Amanda has a twin sister, Gabrielle, along with one an older brother, Spencer.

Growing up, Amanda had to overcome a speech impediment to become the speaker she is today. She says she was a “weird child” and always enjoyed reading and writing.

After high school, she attended Harvard University. While in college, she became the first person to be named the national youth poet laureate in April 2017. In 2020 she graduated with a degree in sociology.

When she performed at President Biden’s inauguration, she was the youngest poet to perform at a presidential inauguration. The poem she wrote is titled “The Hill We Climb.”

Her goal is to run for president in the year 2036. Maybe we will see her at a future inauguration!

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Fill this page with words and pictures to share what you learn about Amanda Gorman. Include facts, feelings and reactions.

Amanda Gorman

Research Task

Amanda Gorman is an activist. Do you know what this means?

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Research Task

What has Amanda Gorman worked to overcome in order to become the performer she is today?

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Amanda Gorman is a poet laureate. What does a laureate do?

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Who are other young laureates?

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What do Amanda Gorman and Maya Angelou have in common?

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What do Amanda Gorman and President Biden have in common?

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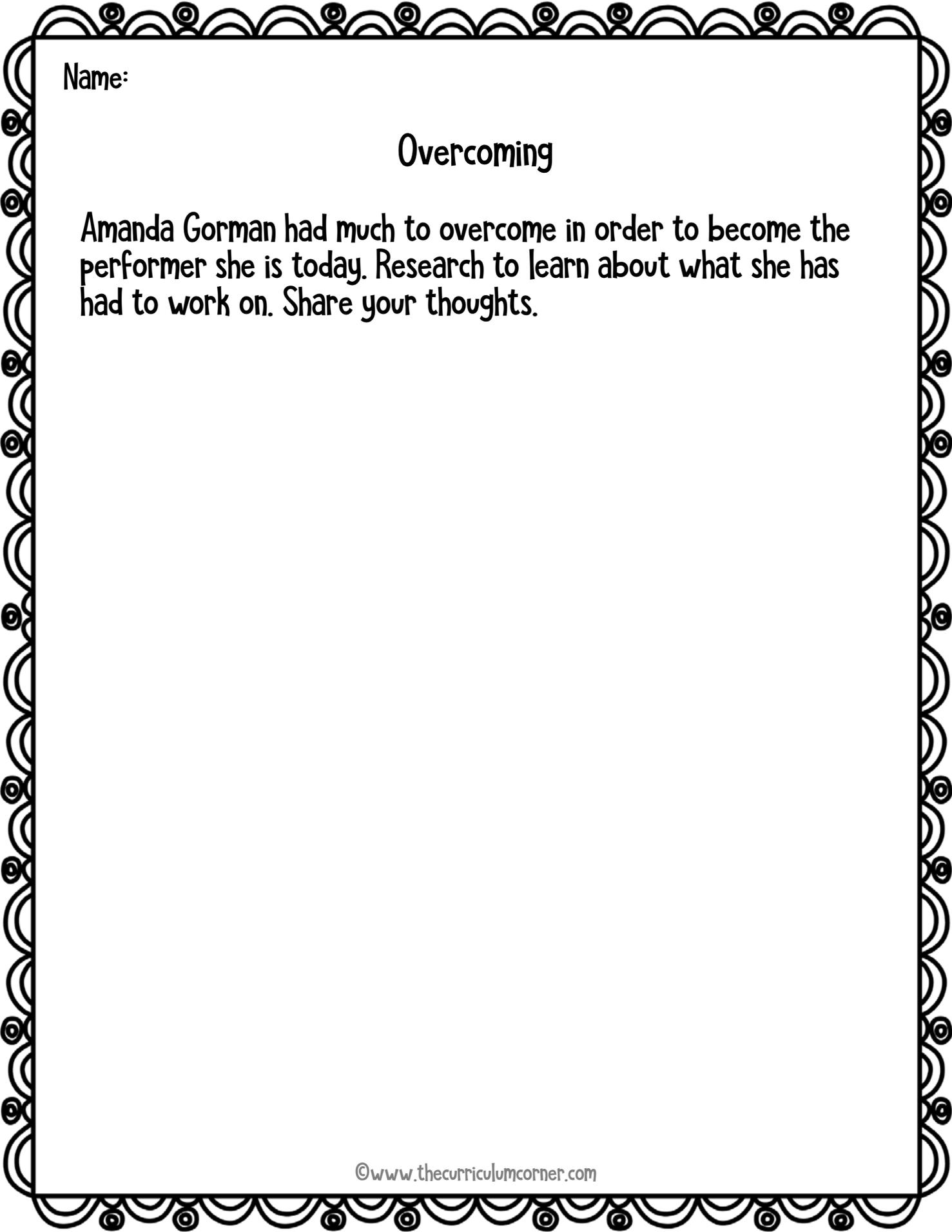
Activist: Amanda Gorman

Amanda Gorman is an activist. Research to find out what ideas are important to her. Fill this page with what you learn and how it makes you feel.

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Maya Angelou & Amanda Gorman

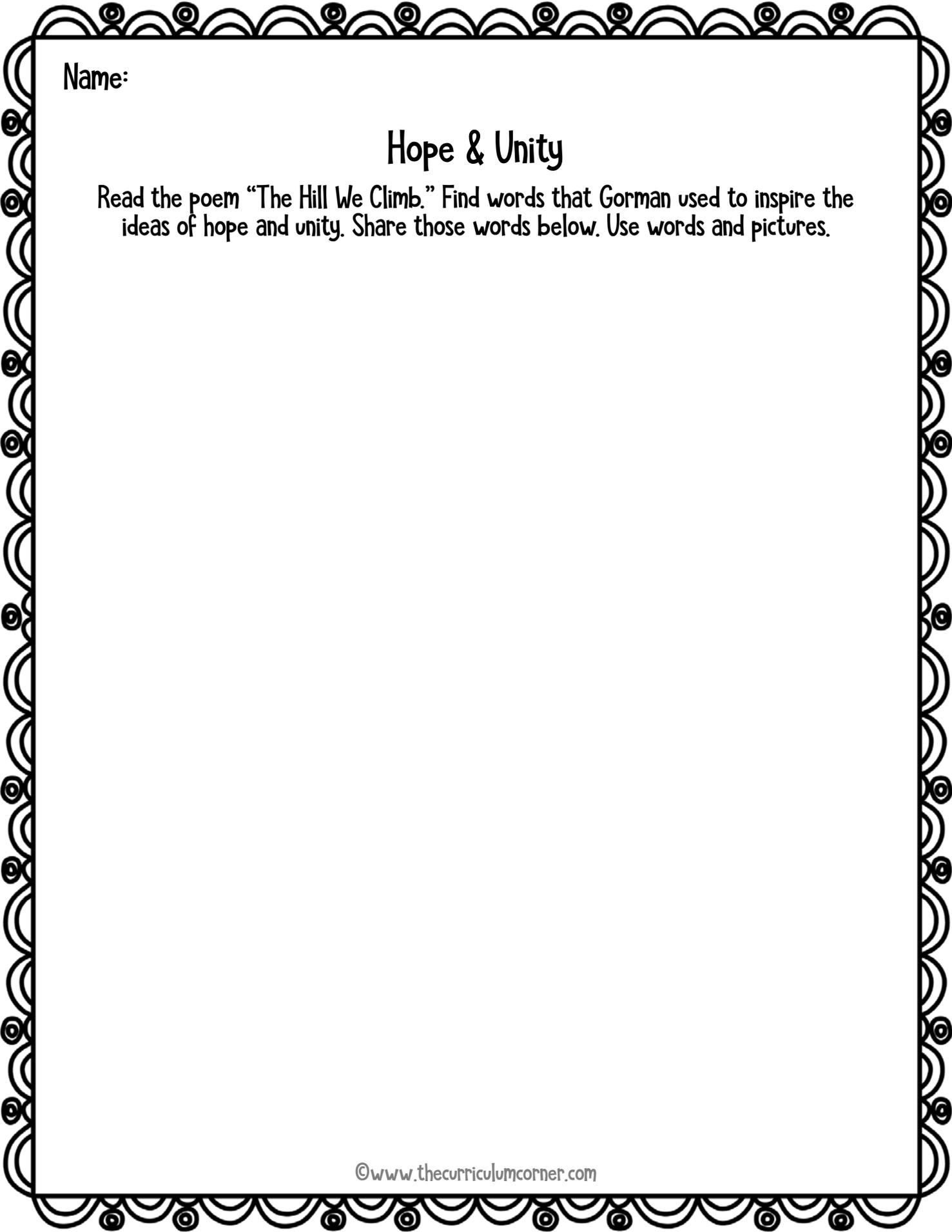
Maya Angelou has also been an inaugural poet. However, she was much older at the time. Besides sharing the connection of being inaugural poets, there are other similarities. Research to find what these two have in common. Share what you find and your thoughts below.



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Overcoming

Amanda Gorman had much to overcome in order to become the performer she is today. Research to learn about what she has had to work on. Share your thoughts.



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Hope & Unity

Read the poem "The Hill We Climb." Find words that Gorman used to inspire the ideas of hope and unity. Share those words below. Use words and pictures.

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