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Why Do I Write?

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I write so that the people who enslaved us get to feel the repercussions of their forefathers' actions.

I write so that we can see that we are all equal.

I write so that the wrongful shootings of the African American men by a white cop does not fade away as time progresses.

I write so that the violence and abuse being done to our people does not become a memory but it's a reality that we all have to face.

I write so people don't think its ok to let this stuff be but they stand up and rise above the statistics built to tear them down.

I write so "Make America Great Again" can actually mean something good for all races.

I write so that the African American out on the street has a voice he is too scared to project himself.

I write so that we can finally be free.

I am a Writer.

An Open Letter to...

Dear Oppressor,

This is a letter stating that after 400 years of enslavement, abuse, mistreatment and belittlement we, "The Minorities" are tired of it. We are tired of you not funding the schools you deem "uneducated" so that they continue to remain uneducated and cannot, do not, and do not rise against you. We now understand that only formal speaking is the way to reach your tyrannical minds because the riots and marches obviously don't work for you. As the years progress and new people come into office, you all have gotten a little out of hand by manipulating, beating, and harming us. However, I the voice of "The Minorities" are here to tell you to get back in line. You think just because a racist and sexist person is in office you can do whatever you want but I'm here to say you can't. You are only "the majority" because you had to bring multiple people to steal, kill, and rape the Indians. But we're not going to talk about that

are we? You imprison us so that we can't reproduce because you're afraid that one will come and call you out. Well I'm here to tell you that you let one through because I, if no one else, am speaking out against the conceited views you deem right. After these 400 years, we are standing up and fighting for our lives because all you seem to do is try to take it.

Sincerely, The Tired Minority

Writing Activity

1. In the poem "Why Do I Write?" the speaker explains how he uses the power of writing to fight back against injustices and to address issues that are important to him. Think about issues that are important to you and compose your own poem explaining why you write.
2. In "An Open Letter to . . .," Cameron addresses his oppressor through the use of letter writing. Have you ever written a letter to advocate for yourself or a group of people? Share your experiences. Cameron says "I, if no one else, am speaking out." How can you speak out for others?