



INCREASING **TEEN** LITERACY
THROUGH **CLASSICAL** POETRY!

WHAT IS GET LIT?

Founded in 2006 in Los Angeles, Get Lit is a leading non-profit presenter of literary performance, education, and teen poetry programs. Get Lit uses the memorization and recitation of classic poetry as a launch pad for teen-created spoken word, fusing the two forms of expression into compelling performances, conducted by teens in school, after school, and through the organization's own select group of Get Lit Players. Get Lit has reached over 15,000 at-risk teens in more than 45 high schools, turning students into motivated scholars inspired to stay in school and thrive.

MISSION

Get Lit is dedicated to bringing the power of poetic expression to at risk teens through a standards-based curriculum fusing classic literature and poetry with contemporary Spoken Word performance techniques. Get Lit's programs are designed to boost literacy, foster cultural understanding, and encourage creative self-expression. By immersing teens in the world of great books (often for the first time), Get Lit equips students for future success in college and the workplace by building concise writing skills and dynamic public speaking abilities and a foundation of self-confidence.

GOALS

- * Expand performance and writing skills of Los Angeles' high school students through exposure to classical literature and poetry.
- * Equip teens with communication skills to successfully navigate the challenges they face.
- * Nurture teens and provide leadership skills by implementing peer to peer learning strategies.
- * Prepare teens for college and future careers.
- * Develop life long learners who participate in the arts.