Play with a Purpose
Episode 1: You Are Every Good Thing
Teacher Guide

Video Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yQClJnxeZ9Y

Book/Material
I Am Every Good Thing by Derrick Barnes, illustrated by Gordon C. James

Concepts
Self-worth; brainstorming; stream of consciousness

Vocabulary
Affirmation; metaphor; simile

OHIO STANDARDS
RL.1.4; RL.4.4; W.1.8; W.4.3.D

Main Activity
After watching Amy read the book, students will make their own list of what is good about them as individuals, using author’s writing style as inspiration.

Follow Up/ Extension
1. Students may make a “picture book”, creating an illustration for each thing they listed that is good about themselves, and title it Every Good Thing About Me.
2. Teachers may want to share another book by the same author/illustrator team. (see below) and talk about how the pictures and words relate.

Additional Resources
1. In-depth study guide for parents and educators (COPY and open in new link) https://storage.googleapis.com/.../88490d05-i-am-every...
2. https://youtu.be/B1yCg2PdeEA (video of actor reading the book Crowns: A Fresh Cut, by the same author and illustrator
3. Just Like Me by Vanessa Brantley-Newton ISBN 9780525582090 (this is a book written in a similar style, focused on girls)