Play with a Purpose
Minisode 1: Harlem Renaissance & Nikki Grimes
Teacher Guide

Video Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ipBddOs406k

Book/Material
One Last Word by Nikki Grimes; Storm Ending by Jean Toomer

Concepts
Nature; Self-acceptance

Vocabulary
Golden Shovel; Prolifically; imagery

OHIO STANDARDS
RL.1.4; SL.1.5
RL.4.1; W.4.9

Main Activity
After watching Amy read both poems, analyze and discuss the poems. Compare and Contrast the poems topics, use of imagery, and style/structure using the LEI Venn Diagram.

Follow Up/ Extension
1. Make your own Golden Shovel poem based off of Jean Toomer’s poem Storm Ending.
2. Jean Toomer uses a lot of imagery in Storm Ending. Draw a picture of the scene he is describing.
3. Read other poems and their Golden Shovel responses from One Last Word.

Additional Resources
1. Watch Episode 2 of Play with a Purpose for Golden Shovel description, rules, and examples: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Miv3HRTC9Z4
3. Visit Nikki Grimes’ website for more information about her and more examples of her work: https://www.nikkigrimes.com/
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Venn Diagram

Storm Ending by Jean Toomer

Truth by Nikki Grimes

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