ART LAB AT HOME!
AN ODE TO...

Inspired by Roni Horn’s artwork Key and Cue, No. 288, we’re celebrating National Poetry Month and are inviting you to write an ode to someone you care about! An ode is a poem that praises someone and is one of the oldest types of poems that exist. Reflect on the person you choose, answer the questions, fill in the blanks, and deliver your completed poem to make your special person smile!

This activity is ideal for ages 6+ and great for children and adults to work on together.

YOU WILL NEED

- A writing utensil
- Paper or a printout of this page

STEPS

1. Decide who you will write your ode to. Choose someone you love or care about, someone to cheer up today!

2. Answer the questions on the next page. Add your answers into the template to complete your ode.

3. Share your ode with your special person! Take a photo to share it or read it aloud. You’re bound to make them smile!

QUESTIONS TO HELP WRITE YOUR ODE

1. What is the name of the person you have chosen to write your ode about? (Nicknames are okay too!)

2. What makes this person stand out in a crowd? Be specific.

3. What is a phrase they always say?

4. Write down a favorite moment shared with this person. “A time when we...”

5. What is this person’s best quality? Think beyond physical traits, and focus on personality qualities. This should be a noun, like “kindness,” “excitement,” or “patience.”

6. If you could go anywhere together, where would you go? Be specific.

7. If you could do anything together, what would you do? This should be a verb, like “sunbathe” or “walk.”

AN ODE TO ____________

WHEN I SEE __________,

I HEAR “_________”!

I DAYDREAM ABOUT THE TIME WE ________________ TOGETHER,

AND THE ______________________ YOU WEAR ON YOUR SLEEVE FOR THE WORLD TO SEE. (Question 5)

________________ IS WHERE I WANT TO BE, TO ____________.

WITH YOU, _________________________________. (Question 1)