



View "3 ways to speak English" by Jamila Lyiscott

- What is Dr. Lyiscott's central idea? (RI2)
- What evidence does she provide from her personal experiences to support this idea? (RI1, SL2)
- What evidence from the history of language does she provide to support this idea? (RI1)
- In the opening lines, Dr. Lyiscott describes a woman who calls her "articulate". The word "articulate" is always included within quotations for the rest of the spoken word poem. What can we infer about her meaning based on this decision? What information from the spoken word poem supports this inference? (L2a, L4a, L5b, L5c)



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by Sunn m'Cheaux

- During the first video, Dr. m'Cheaux challenges the view to wonder why Black Americans with African ancestry speak English. Using the additional videos, what claim does he make to answer this question? (RI2) What historical information, examples, or anecdotes does Dr. m'Cheaux give to support his claim? (RI3)
- Dr. m'Cheaux described "discourse markers" and "antiphrasis". Give examples of these English conventions (L1).
- Why do you predict Dr. m'Cheaux, a Harvard linguist, presents this information via YouTube Shorts and TikTok? (SL2)