

Edison Learning Core Values in Our Daily Lives

Read the poem to the class or have students participate in the reading.

Ask students the following:

How does the author demonstrate courage in the poem?

Explain a time when you demonstrated courage in spite of your circumstances?

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Maya Angelou (1928 - present)



Maya Angelou was born Marguerite Johnson in St. Louis, Missouri, on April 4, 1928. She grew up in St. Louis and Stamps, Arkansas. She is an author, poet, historian, songwriter, playwright, dancer, stage and screen producer, director, performer, singer, and civil rights activist. She is best known for her autobiographical books: *All God's Children Need Traveling Shoes* (1986), *The Heart of a Woman* (1981), *Singin' and Swingin'* and *Gettin' Merry Like Christmas* (1976) to name a few.