

The Hill We Climb

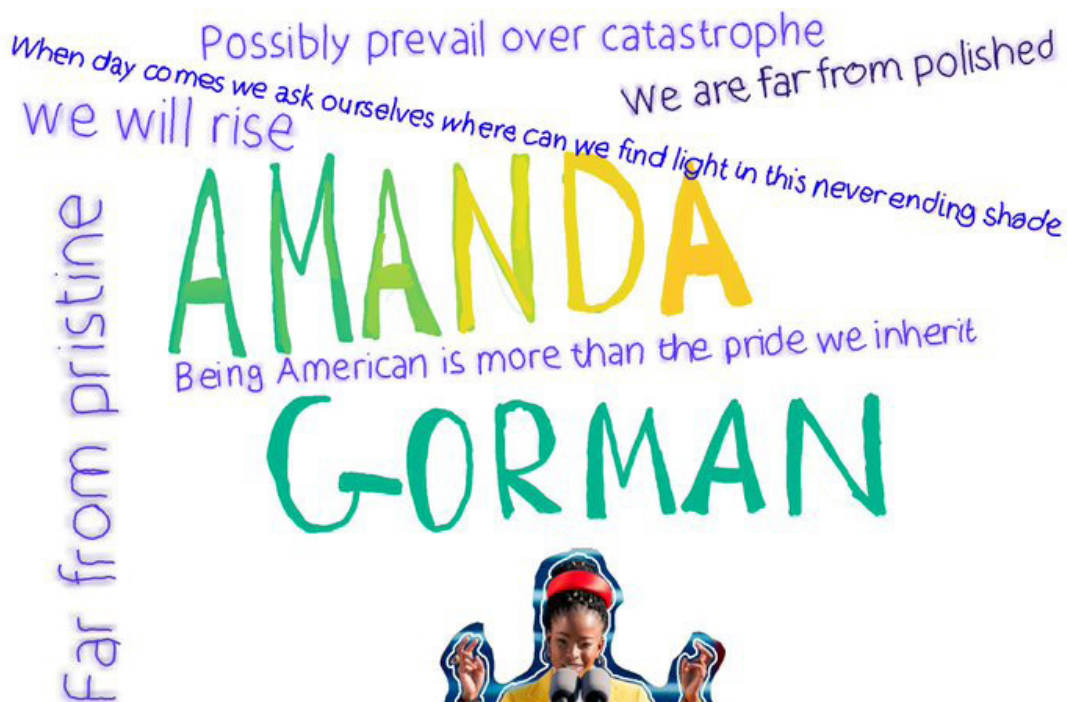
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In my view America is a country where diverse cultures are partially welcomed with respect and equality. Amanda Gorman is the most inspirational poet I've heard; she speaks with passion and true belief that America can change for the better and become a country that, "will never again sow division."

Amanda Gorman describes America as a, "Nation that isn't broken, but simply unfinished". This quotation suggests that although America is a country where union is not fully present, there is still time, 'to turn around', and become a nation where they've forged a, "a union with purpose". I think this means that during such crucial times like the ongoing pandemic, America can emerge victorious by pulling all differences aside. When she speaks about our cultural differences, she refers to herself as, "A skinny black girl descended from slaves and raised by a single mother can dream of becoming president only to find herself reciting for one." This quotation really inspires myself and hopefully millions across the world. From my perspective, it brings the Black Lives Matter movement to mind - she positively brings us to the fact that not everyone is treated with equality, but in some disturbing cases, such as the incident with George Floyd, with complete inequality. To summarise my point, people who are different colours, cultures, or personalities can achieve their ambitions. Amanda Gorman herself has proved that.

Amanda Gorman firmly believes that American can change for the better as she believes that America knows to put its future first. I agree with this as throughout the poem she continuously points this out. My first point is where she raises the aspect of equality in America, "to compose a country committed to all cultures, colours, characters conditions of man." The verb 'compose'



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is used in a way which I think means that she wants to glue all the 'broken' pieces of America and create a new image of America where acceptance, equality and respect are the essential morals of everyone.

She also hopes for America that the people of this nation, "*will never again sow division.*" To me I think she's trying to point out that no matter what defeat or catastrophe crosses their paths, the closeness and "*faith we trust*" will be the morals these coming generations will learn and our growing generations, witnessing the events of the present, will know not to repeat them again.

My final point to explain Amanda Gorman's views is that she passionately explains that our future is what stands before us; she mentions the phrase, "*harmony for all.*" From my perspective, the noun 'harmony' means a combination of different sounds that balance and bring each other out with great defiance. This connects with poem as the different sounds are people of different cultures and colours working together. This will result in a tranquil and harmonious sound like perfection. I also think this is where a political aspect comes in. This is because the previous president, was aggressive to other nations, but America now enters a new era with president Joe Biden.

Amanda Gorman has a very positive view of democracy. In her poem she uses techniques of rhyming, alliteration and metaphors. She seems to believe that even the most challenging problems would not delay democracy: in her words, "*would destroy our country if it meant delaying democracy, this effort very nearly succeeded.*" To me she thinks that American needs democracy to make voting fairer and keeping strong alliances with other nations. In the metaphor, "*we've seen a forest that would shatter our nation rather than share it.*" I think she's talking about ongoing pandemic and how it has been difficult for millions with jobs and money yet the election shows, in my view, that democracy prevails.

I think that Amanda Gorman wrote this poem because she wanted to highlight a social issue, which in my view is the topic of division as she brings it up constantly. To support my idea here is a line that shows this, "*we will never again sow division.*" She uses the word 'again' to show, the past is a powerful view from where the start of a second chance occurs. I think this because she's making a direct promise on television that division will not become our future.