Social Studies, Grade 8 Unit II: Lesson B2

Poem: Life as a Slave



Research the life of Phyllis Wheatley.

Although a slave in the household of a Boston trader, she was the first African American poet to have her poems published. Read some of her poems. Do her poems reflect her life as a slave?

Write a poem or poems that reflect your life as an eighth grader growing up in today's society.