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In Celebration of Black History Month

Junior students in Ms Aldana's class streamed the video of Amanda Gorman, the nation's first-ever youth poet laureate, reciting her poem during the inauguration of President Biden. Students were then asked to read and analyze Ms Gorman's poem as it relates to America's growth, America's achievements, and/or America's need for self-reflection. Here are three excerpts from our students.

Alex Landino '22

“Gorman herself broke through a barrier that has never been crossed before. Amanda being the first ever youth poet laureate, it paves the way for youth to express their opinions on political views.”

Lily Bruan '22

“Our country needs a time for self-reflection and introspection to broaden the knowledge of what has occurred this past year... It's difficult “because being an American is more than a pride we inherit, it's the past we step into” (“The Hill We Climb” lines 51-52). The damage can never be permanently erased, but as a whole we can come together and make up for it.”

Justin Keeler '22

“Gorman is saying if the American people can unite properly and peacefully, then they will leave behind a better and more loving place for their children to flourish and grow up. The legacy of the nation can change and can show the world that it is truly the Land of the Free, and the Home of the Brave.”