Great Models of Writing Application

Basic Information

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Subject of Writing: Climate Action
Type of Writing: Spoken Word
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About the Writing

Focus: Describe in one sentence what you wrote about.
Climate change is a pressing issue that must be immediately addressed with both international collaboration and individual efforts.

Inspiration: Who or what inspired this piece?
This piece was inspired by the release of the federal Climate Report in 2018. I was shocked at how it was published on the Black Friday and dismissed as though the climate is only a small backdrop in society. Feelings of shock and outrage fueled my writing.

Personal Reflection: How did this writing change you; your outlook, your knowledge, your skills? What went well? What didn’t go well? How would you improve your writing if you were to do it again?
In the process of writing this piece, I became more aware of the issues at the intersection of climate and equity. Most of the time, they are considered separate components in society, but equity and the environment are fundamentally intertwined. I learned more about how climate change affects people around the world and how governments are seeking to address this issue. In the process of writing this piece, I also learned more about the elements of a spoken word, specifically how rhythm and close rhymes can be heard and felt when the piece is spoken. I believe that my piece clearly conveyed the intended message of the urgency with which we must take sustainable action. If I were to write another spoken word, I would focus on using a coherent theme to frame the stanzas rather than putting together stanzas I wrote in moments of inspiration to make the piece easier to understand.