



EXPLORING SENSORY DETAILS

“Looking for the Gulf Motel”

by Richard Blanco

Amplify ELA and Poetry in America

Amplify ELA partnered with Harvard professor Elisa New to create dynamic multimedia poetry lessons. These activities are focused on a diverse selection of contemporary poetry based on the public television series *Poetry in America*. The engaging lessons combine Amplify ELA's close reading pedagogy with video interviews with celebrities such as Regina Spektor, President Joe Biden, and Shaquille O'Neal discussing the power of poetry.

These poetry lessons are designed to be used flexibly, at the discretion of the teacher.



Author Richard Blanco reading his poem “Looking for the Gulf Motel.”