

<p>Title: <i>Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut</i> Author: Derrick Barnes Illustrator: Gordon C. James</p>	
<p>Big Ideas and Enduring Understandings</p>	<p>Getting a fresh haircut at a barbershop can make you feel good about yourself. An ode is a poem that praises something.</p>
<p>Overarching Question(s)</p>	<p>How does his fresh cut make the hero of the story feel good? What makes a poem an ode? Why is <i>Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut</i> an ode?</p>
<p>Common Core ELA Standards</p>	<p>CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.R.1 Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text. CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.R.4 Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone. CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.R.5 Analyze the structure of texts, including how specific sentences, paragraphs, and larger portions of the text (e.g., a section, chapter, scene, or stanza) relate to each other and the whole.</p>
<p>Sample Text Dependent Questions</p>	<p>The poet compares the hero's haircut to a piece of art. Where are some specific places in the text where the poet does this? The hero imagines some great things that might happen after the haircut. What are some of these?</p>
<p>Suggested Activities</p>	<p>Write a "small moment" story about a time something made you feel great. Draw or paint a picture about a time something made you feel great. Write an ode to something you love: your favorite hat, your pet, your favorite food, whatever makes you happy.</p>
<p>Links</p>	<p>Derrick Barnes' website Gordon C. James' website Lesson plan for writing odes The black barbershop as sacred space – photoessay for adults</p>

Companion Titles:

Poetry/Odes

Hey Black Child by Useni Eugene Perkins

Swirl by Swirl: Spirals in Nature by Joyce Sidman

Picture books about confidence and feeling great:

Mr. Tiger Goes Wild by Peter Brown

After the Fall by Dan Santat