



Roxanne Young Kilbourne

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Background

Roxanne is a dancer, actress, and poet. She has been a poet-teacher with Border Voices and California Poets in the Schools since 1985. She has written, directed, and produced poetry performances for students from the kindergarten through the twelfth grade. She integrates oral, physical, and written language, and she encourages her students to write using their imaginations, life experiences, and unique perceptions. A poem by Roxanne is published in *The Best of Border Voices anthology*.

Teaching Approach

Roxanne thinks that what the student feels, believes, lives, and imagines is the poem. She is concerned about showing the active seeking, which is at the core of personal expression, and she offers a variety of activities to stimulate introspection and imagination. Roxanne's presentation is in itself a metaphor for processing thoughts into poetry. Her teaching style models the search for forms and rhythms to express emotions and ideas.

Special Emphasis or Special Skills

Multi-ethnic poetry. Roxanne integrates art and drama with her poetry presentations.

Roxanne's References

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