

More on the Poetry & Poetics of Lucille Clifton

Session 2 Discussion Guide

- 1) Take one of Lucille Clifton's other poems that deal with pop culture that we did not discuss today (e.g. the poems in the "heroes" section of *good news about the earth*, or "from the Book of David," "jasper, texas," "Quotations from Aunt Margaret Brown," "aunt agnes hatcher tells" or any other poems. Discuss with the group the ways the poem works and how Lucille Clifton creates commentary or new meaning using the pop culture figures.
- 2) Go around the group, discussing particular pop culture figures of the moment. Do any seem potential subjects for a poem or characters/speakers for a persona poem? You could use this as a writing assignment for the coming week.