

Mary Oliver Poetry Prompt

A Practice in Creative Writing

Writing instructions: After reading these three Mary Oliver poems, try to spend at least 20 minutes writing. You don't need to write for an audience! Just whatever comes to mind. Below are prompts for each poem we read. Feel free to do just one, two or all three of them.

Writing Prompts:

This World: In this poem Oliver explores the miraculousness of things that may seem to be 'nothing fancy'. What strikes you as something that could be ordinary but is actually quite amazing!

'Just a minute' said a voice... : What else could be whispering just a minute in the weeds? Who are they? What do they look like?

Mindful: What of the 'ordinary, the common, the very drab, the daily presentations' do you find joy and light in?