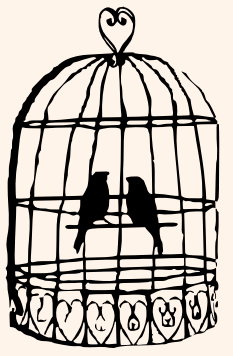


GIRL
POWER



ZINE
of
MAYA ANGELOU





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POEM SUBMISSION

Maya Angelou

Caged Bird

By: Maya Angelou

A free bird leaps
on the back of the wind
and floats downstream
till the current ends
and dips his wing
in the orange sun rays
and dares to claim the sky.

But a bird that stalks
down his narrow cage
can seldom see through
his bars of rage
his wings are clipped and
his feet are tied
so he opens his throat to sing.

The caged bird sings
with a fearful trill
of things unknown
but longed for still
and his tune is heard
on the distant hill
for the caged bird
sings of freedom.

The free bird thinks of another breeze
and the trade winds soft through the sighing trees
and the fat worms waiting on a dawn bright lawn
and he names the sky his own.

But a caged bird stands on the grave of dreams
his shadow shouts on a nightmare scream
his wings are clipped and his feet are tied
so he opens his throat to sing.

The caged bird sings
with a fearful trill
of things unknown
but longed for still
and his tune is heard
on the distant hill
for the caged bird
sings of freedom.

Caged Soul

By: Cianna White

Yolo is a term often used in
this generation
You only live once they say
This saying can lead you to
life and bring you down to a
neverending stop.


Caged, trapped, and enraged.
Day to day
Week to week
Month to month
I feel stuck
Drowning in cries of a zoo

Bars, black bars, steel bars
I cannot break
I cannot shake
Bars put me in my current state
Drowning in cries of a zoo

I see a figure outside of my bars
The words sing like a hummingbird in my ear "free, free, and free".
That will never be me
They see me
Quiet they stay
Why must things be this way?

A caged soul lays bound by chains
She is prepared to endure the pain
Time again and again and again
Will someone ever time to help make amends
She cries out almost in song for help
No one stops to hear her welp.

A caged soul hums herself to sleep
My only peace, my only freedom
Dream away from this nightmare until someone hears my cry
This isn't my farewell nor goodbye

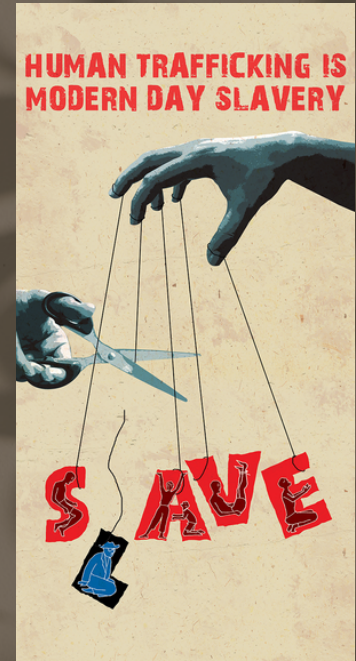


Human Trafficking

Caged

Trapped

Human slaves



ARTIST STATEMENT

- How did you use creativity to convey your zine's main purpose and explore your zine's question?
- **I used symbols to describe a visual of zines. I used the symbol "chains" to heighten the idea of being caged. I also showed photos of girls with their hands tied and the words "not for sale" to promote to stop these acts of violence.**
- What poem and poet from class did you base your Poem Submission on? What parts of the structure and poetic technique did you incorporate?
- **I chose the poem Caged Bird by Maya Angelou. I used the same amount of stanzas and the concept of being "trapped/caged" to introduce the issue of human trafficking. I also used similes, hyperboles, and metaphors.**
- What was your creative submission and how does it complement the poem you wrote? Comment on any creative choices you made that you'd like to explain as a part of your rationale.
- **My creative submission was a collage. My collage complements the poem I wrote because of my demonstration of being restrained. To demonstrate that I used a symbol of chains.**

INTERVIEW



Question 1. What are your thoughts on human trafficking?

Mom: "I think that it is a horrible thing. Innocent people are helped against their will to be sold or used.

Question 2. Do you know anyone who have been through trafficking?

Mom: Yes, there is a mentor at my job that helps kids that come into foster care due to trafficking.

Question 3. Why are people trafficked?

Mom: The typical reason is for sexual intentions, to abuse, or for laboring.

Question 4. How can we prevent trafficking from happening?

Mom: Parents need to pay attention to their children and make sure they have their locations at all times.

Question 5. How can we spread awareness to this problem?

Mom: Posting on social media, support groups, posters, and speaking with leadership higher ups.

Question 6. How does human trafficking affect the community?

Mom: It makes everyone feel weak and feel small. It damages a family but brings us closer so others can support them.

Question 7. What should I do if I feel like I am about to be taken?

Mom: Call the police, observe the place you are in and describe it to the (streets, stores, and ect) and scream.

Question 8. What are 3 warning signs of someone who is being trafficked?



Mom: If someone can't be alone while you are talking to them, answers seem scripted or rehearsed, and signs of physical abuse.

CONTRIBUTOR PAGE



My name is Cianna White, I am an eleventh grader at SLA @ Beeber. I am sixteen years old and my birthday is June 1, 2006. My hobbies are cheerleading and online shopping. My favorite subject is English. My dream school is Columbia and NYU. I want my career to be a new anchor/journalist.

The relevance of Human trafficking is important because it is a worldwide problem that happens everyday.



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