

Here, two eleventh graders—inspired by WritingFix's [Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow Poetry Assignment](#), created the following poems. As they wrote and revised, each poet worked hard on her idea development and word choice.

Read both poems, then work with a partner to determine where you think each poet shows her best skill with idea development or with word choice.

yesterday, today & tomorrow...

by Jordan, eleventh grade poet



yesterday
is the heavy, gray cloud that's filled
w/your deepest darkest secrets.
it holds heartache and disasters
countless memories, good or bad
but either way it's all in the past.
we can't go back & undo, scratch out,
erase or change each thought, action or word.
yesterday is forever tattooed in your mind.

today
could be one of those good days
or one of those real crappy ones
but it's the only day we're sure of
so live like there's no tomorrow
& make the best out of what you've got.
today is one step closer to your dreams.

tomorrow
is a clean slate, a new day, a fresh start.
it's a way to fix your wrongs of yesterday
but it's whatever you make it
who & what you want to be
the change you want to see.
tomorrow brings hope.

Poem

by Mariana, eleventh grade poet



Yesterday,
Yesterday's gone
All the laughter is done
It's all in the past
Nothing ever lasts
I lost my friends who were dear
One of my deepest fears,
They are destined to never come back
It all turned black
It's all in the yesterday
It's all in the past
Nothing ever lasts
Nothing ever stays.

Today,
Today am missing you
The skies are blue
I'm trying to live in the moment
I hope I can be potent
Thoughts go through my head
But sometimes I feel as weak as lead
I'm fighting
I will come out shining
It's happening now
I'm trying to live in the moment
I hope I can be potent
I hope I can be strong.

Tomorrow,
Tomorrow will be a better day
My mind rested will stay
I will be who God wants me to be
I know he believes in me
Future is facing my way
I will rest in the shining sun's ray
I will always be strong
I will try to do no wrong
It's going to happen no doubt
I will be who god wants me to be
I know he believes in me
I know he believes I'll be free.