

# Together by Selma Burke



1. Write down **10 words** that come to your mind in response to Selma Burke's sculpture. They can be words that describe the artwork or your feelings/reactions to it.

2. One of Selma Burke's favorite **themes** to use in her artwork was **family, love** and **unity**. How has she shown this in her artwork?

3. What other **symbols** could represent this theme?

4. How do you define **family**?

5. Write a list of **10 words** to describe your family. (*Think about:* culture, traditions, values, personalities, etc.)



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6. Now, use the words that you have written about your family or Burke's sculpture to **create a poem** of your choice. Or, combine the words to create a unique poem of your own. No rules apply!

The National Art Standards addressed in this activity are: **Content Standard 2:** Using knowledge of structures and functions; **Content Standard 3:** Choosing and evaluating a range of subject matter, symbols and ideas; The Pennsylvania Arts and Humanities Standards addressed in this activity are: **9.3 Critical Response;** The Pennsylvania Academic Standards for Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening addressed in this activity are: **1.4 Types of Writing.**

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