

"All great artist draw from the same resource:
the human heart, which tells us that we are
more alike than we are unlike."

Maya Angelou (1928-2014) is a creative jack of all trades. She is an author, poet, civil rights activist, dancer, producer, playwright, director, author, actress, professor, and is credited with a list of plays, movies, and television shows spanning more than fifty years. One of the first African American women to publicly discuss her personal life, she first came to be recognized for her series of autobiographies which describe and interpret black culture to a wider white audience. Her works are used in schools and universities worldwide. Furthermore, Angelou has also worked alongside Martin Luther King and Malcom X. In 1993, she recited her poem "On the Pulse of Morning" at President Bill Clinton's inauguration. Maya Angelou is celebrated as one of the most renowned and influential voices of our time.