

## ACTIVITY: PRISON WRITING RESPONSE

In this activity, you have the opportunity to select any piece of prison writing. In your 2-3 page response, you will want to give a little background on who wrote the piece, their intended audience, and the context in which they are or were writing. Your response should be open and honest and you should feel free to make connections to personal and social issues going on today.

### Imprisoned writers to choose from:

- Choose any writing by: Mumia Abu Jamal, Assata Shakur, Jalil Muntaqim, Albert Woodfox, Mutulu Shakur, Sundiata Acoli, Veronza Bowers, Alvaro Luna Hernandez, George Jackson, Ruchell Magee, Leonard Peltier, Joy Powell, Russell Maroon Shoatz, David Gilbert, Stephen Wilson, [since freed:] Albert Woodfox, Janine Phillips Africa, Jannet Holloway Africa, Herman Bell, Anthony Bottom, Doruba Bin Wahad, Marshall Eddie Conway, Oscar López Rivera, Laura Whitehorn; [since passed away:] Safiya Bukhari, Geronimo ji Jaga [Elmer Pratt], Raul R. Salinas, Marilyn Buck, Claudia Jones, Angelo Herndon, Austin Reed.
- Or, find and pick your own piece of writing by anyone who has been imprisoned!

### Primary source archives:

- CCWP, *The Fire Inside*, Archive: <https://womenprisoners.org/the-fire-inside-archive/>
- American Prison Writing Archive: <http://apw.dhinitiative.org/>
- Freedom Archives: <https://freedomarchives.org/>

### Secondary sources for reference:

- AAIHS Forum on the Imprisoned Radical Tradition: <https://www.aaihs.org/online-forum-the-imprisoned-black-radical-tradition/>
- Joy James, ed., *Imprisoned Intellectuals Write on Life, Liberation and Rebellion* (2004)
- Dan Berger, *The Struggle Within: Prisons, Political Prisoners, and Mass Movements in the United States* (2014)