

## Spoken Word Mind Map

**Directions:** The purpose of this exercise is to help you generate ideas for your spoken word poem. If you feel stuck finding a topic, review your journal entries, readings, and handouts to see what themes, questions, or ideas most interested you.

1. What is an issue in your school or local community that you feel passionate about calling attention to? What makes you passionate about this issue?
2. What would you like to say about this issue?
3. Who would you want to hear your spoken word poem? What emotion do you want your audience to feel when they hear your poem?
4. What story or stories do you have that could help your audience understand the message you want to convey through your poem?
5. What powerful image(s) can you use to help your audience understand the message you want to convey through your poem?

6. Tap into your senses! What do you see, hear, smell, touch, and taste when you think about the issue you are calling attention to in your poem.

a. See

b. Hear

c. Smell

d. Touch

e. Taste