

# Take risks!

- In order to create a piece of art—and writing certainly is art—you must be willing to take risks.
- This could mean taking a risk on the content you choose, the level of detail you develop, or your willingness to peer deeply into your life, ideas, and thoughts.
- Taking risks may include asking for editors and showing your writing to others. In this course you are encouraged to seek out collaborators and to **write to read**.
- It's risky to ask people to read your writing: What if they don't like it? What if you're misunderstood? What if you offend someone? But the reason we create art is to communicate ideas.
- "Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go," said T.S. Eliot (American writer who moved to Britain, 1888-1965).
- "During the first period of a man's life **the greatest danger is not to take the risk**," said Soren Kierkegaard (Danish philosopher of the 1800's).

Jay-Z's "Moment of Clarity"

(Woooooo)

(Yeah)

(Turn the music up turn the lights down I'm in my zone)

*[Chorus:]*

Thank God for granting me this moment of clarity  
This moment of honesty  
The world'll feel my truths  
Through my Hard Knock Life time  
My Gift and The Curse  
I gave you volume after volume of my work  
So you can feel my truths  
I built the Dynasty by being one of the realest \*\*\*\*\* out  
Way beyond a Reasonable Doubt  
(You all can't fill my shoes)  
From my Blueprint beginnings  
To that Black Album ending  
Listen close you hear what I'm about  
\*\*\*\*\* feel my truths

*[Verse One]*

When Pop died

Didn't cry  
Didn't know him that well  
Between him doing \*\*\*\*\*  
And me doing \*\*\*\*\* sales  
With that in the egg shell  
Standing at the tabernacle  
Rather the church  
Pretending to be hurt  
Wouldn't work  
So a smirk was all on my face  
Like damn that man's face was just like my face  
So pop I forgive you  
For all the shit that I live through  
It wasn't all your fault  
Homie you got caught  
And to the same game I fault  
That Uncle Ray lost  
My big brothers and so many others I saw  
I'm just glad we got to see each other  
Talk and re-meet each other  
Save a place in Heaven  
'til the next time we meet forever

*[Chorus]*