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## “THEY SAY, I SAY”

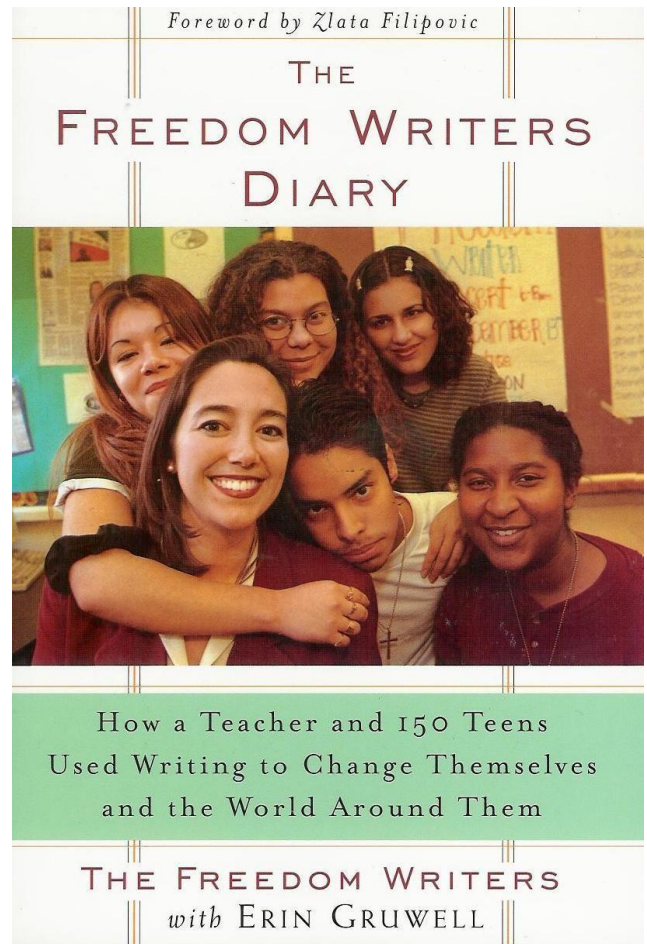
They say I am brown I say  
I am proud.

They say I only know how to cook  
I say  
I know how to write a book  
So  
Don't judge me by the way I look

They say I am brown I say  
I am proud.

They say I'm not the future of this nation  
I say  
Stop giving me discrimination  
Instead  
I'm gonna use my education To help  
build the human nation.

-Freedom Writer  
(Diary 103)



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Directions: Rewrite “They Say, I Say” and make it your own poem. Fill in the blanks and adjust the poem to describe your life.

### THEY SAY, I SAY

They say \_\_\_\_\_

I say

I am \_\_\_\_\_

They say \_\_\_\_\_

I say

I know how to \_\_\_\_\_

So

Don't judge me by \_\_\_\_\_

They say \_\_\_\_\_

I say

I am \_\_\_\_\_

They say I'm not \_\_\_\_\_

I say

Stop \_\_\_\_\_

Instead

I'm gonna \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_