Audre Lorde By: Isabella Wong

Early Life

Audre Geraldine Lorde was born on February 18, 1934, in New York city, and went on to becoming a leading African-american poet and essayist who gave voice to issues of race. Audre Lorde loves poetry started at a young age, and she began writing poetry as a teenager.



Education

She attended Hunter college, working to support herself through school. After graduating in 1959, she went on to get a masters degree in library and science from Columbia university in 1961.

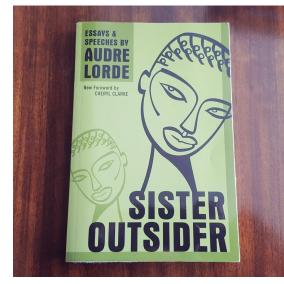
"I am not free while any woman is unfree, even when her shackles are very different from my own."



Poetry

Audre Lorde wrote poetry collections like From a land where other people live [1973], The black unicorn [1978], First cities [1968] as well as memoirs like A burst

of light [1988] and Cancer journal [1980].



Later Life

- She was a Librarian for 7 years before publishing her first volume of poetry,
 First cities. She married Edwin Rollins in 1962. They had two children named
 Elizabeth & Jonathan, & later divorced.
- She was a civil rights activist and feminist that fought for rights of black women

