

Exploring Contemporary Canadian Voices

the spoken word

Amatoritsero Ede



- Born in Nigeria, Ede has lived in Canada since 2005.
- Ede edited an international online poetry journal, [Sentinel Poetry Online](#).
- Won the association of Nigerian Authors' 1998 All Africa Christopher Okigbo Prize for Literature.
- PEN Canada's Writer-In-Residence at Carleton University in 2006-06, where he is now a doctoral candidate.
- Sponsored as a writer-in-exile by [PEN Canada](#).
- An ex-Hindu monk. [More about Ama Ede](#).



Before Viewing

Ama Ede

Before viewing *Globetrotter*:

- What does being a Canadian or living in Canada mean to you?



View
Globetrotter
(Part 1)

8 minutes, 14 seconds



View
Globetrotter
(Part 2)

6 minutes, 31 seconds



After Viewing

Ama Ede

After viewing *Globetrotter (Parts 1 & 2)*:

- How does Ede describe Toronto? What does he compare it to?
- What similes and metaphors does Ede use? In what ways are they effective?
- ‘Toronto is...’. Finish the sentence with your own observations as well as some of Ede’s. If you’ve never been to Toronto, use another large city instead.
- What does Ede say you can do in Canada that you can’t in other places of the world?
- Do you agree with Ede’s interpretation of Canada? Why or why not?



- WRITE a poem or short story about a place that you have visited. What do you most remember about it? Try describing it using metaphors only. How does that change the story?
- WRITE a journal entry about what it would be like to be an immigrant in a new country. Or write about what the citizens in a country feel about immigrants.
- DRAW a picture based on an image that stood out to you from Ede's poem.



View *Interview with Ama Ede (Part 1)*

9 minutes, 49 seconds



After viewing *Interview with Ama Ede (Part 1)*:

- What is it like for Ede as a writer outside of the country of his birth?
- How did Ede come to be in exile from Nigeria? What is it like for him to be in exile?
- Describe Ede's experiences in Germany.
- What did Ede learn from his time in a monastery?



View *Interview*
with Ama Ede
(Part 2)

9 minutes, 55 seconds



After Viewing

Ama Ede

After viewing *Interview with Ama Ede (Part 2)*:

- What advice does Ede give to new writers?
- Come up with a question or make a statement about Ede's experience as a writer-in-exile.



Credits

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