



Exploring Contemporary Canadian Voices

the spoken word



Toronto Poetry Slam Team 2007

Arianna Pozzuoli (TPST)



- In December 2006, she competed in her first poetry slam and won.
- In February 2007, she placed in the top 30 at the International World Poetry Slam in Vancouver.
- Loves cheese almost as much as she loves spoken word.



Before Viewing

Arianna Pozzuoli

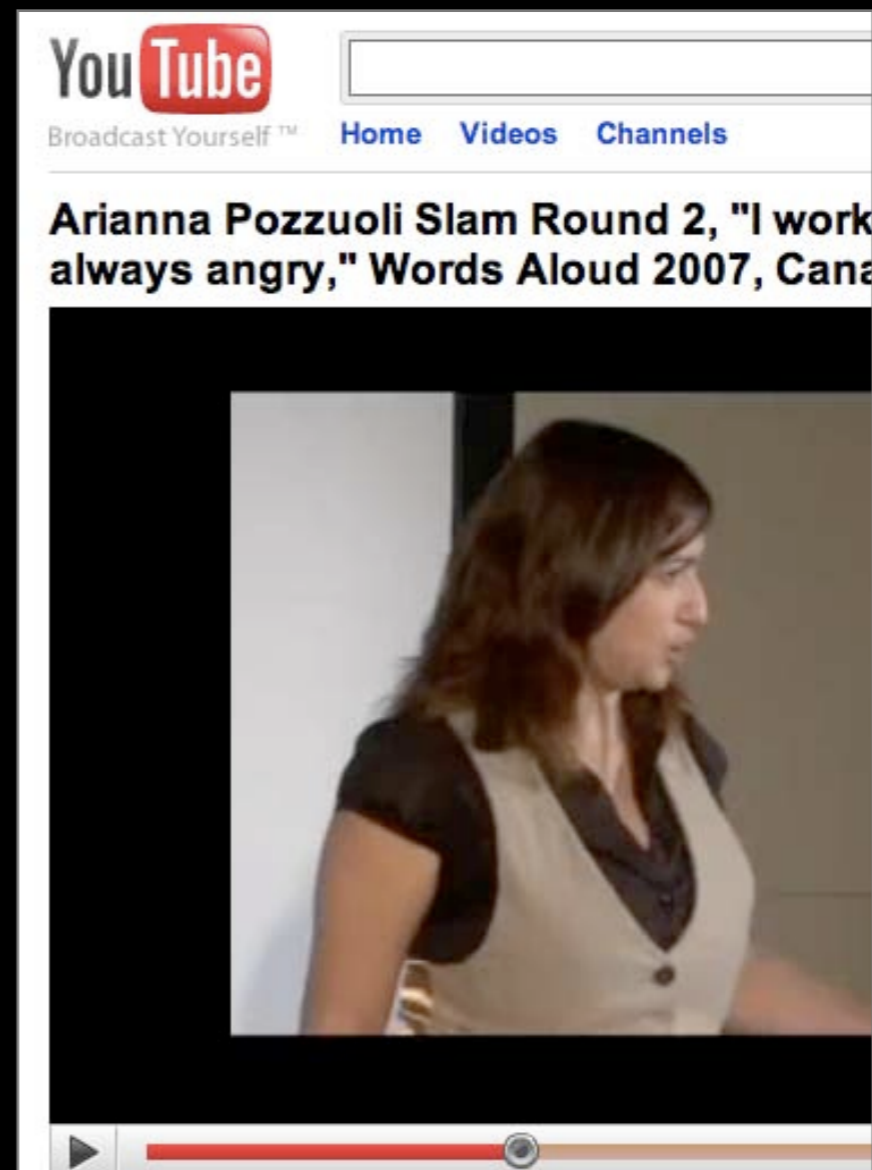
Before viewing *I Work with a Girl who's Always Angry*:

- Is there someone you know who's always angry or has a short temper?
- What do you think makes them angry?
- How do they show their anger?
- How does it make you feel?



View *I Work*
with a Girl who's
Always Angry

3 minutes, 22 seconds



After viewing *I Work with a Girl who's Always Angry*:

- Does Pozzuoli keep your attention?
- How? (e.g., gestures, moving around the stage, changes in speed and volume of delivery). Give examples.
- What phrases or parts of the story stand out, are memorable?
- Discuss anger and its consequences, from your own experience.



- WRITE about something that made you angry. Use all the senses to describe your anger. How did your anger taste, sound, smell? If you could touch your anger, what would it feel like? What do you look like when you're angry?
- CREATE a short skit depicting a time you were angry. Or a monologue, or even your own poetry slam piece. Present it to the class.



Before Viewing

Arianna Pozzuoli

Before viewing *Every Night before Bed*:

- What goes through your mind every night before you go to bed?
- What's something that really annoys you, often, during your daily routine?



View *Every Night before Bed*

3 minutes, 22 seconds



After Viewing

Arianna Pozzuoli

After viewing *Every Night before Bed*:

- What things annoy Arianna?
- What makes Arianna overcome her irritation with her sister and do something kind?
- What is her tone of voice during the performance? When does it change, and what does it change to? What circumstances do you think changed it and why?



- **WRITE** a list of things you think about before going to bed, or things that annoyed you today, or things you've done that annoyed a sibling or friend.
- **DRAFT** a short story or poem using some items from your list.
- **CREATE** a story as a group. One person begins the story with an item from their list, and others add to the story, choosing items from their list. The story could be told, performed, written or recorded on video or audio.



Credits

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