

RUMINATE: INTEGRATING THE ARTS AND ASSESSMENT

“DISCOVERY”

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We keep repeating that the world is making progress and that men must constantly be urged to pursue it. But true progress consists in the discovery of something hidden. Frequently it may be something that simply needs to be improved or perfected. No reward is offered for the discovery of something not foreseen; and, in fact, one who tries to bring it to light is frequently persecuted. It would be a disaster if poems were written solely with the hope of winning a state award. It would be better for a poet's vision to remain concealed within him and for the poetic Muse to disappear. A poem should flow from a poet's mind when he is not thinking of a reward or of himself; and even if he wins a prize, it should never make him proud.

Maria Montessori, *The Discovery Of The Child*,
Italian physician and educator (1870 – 1952)