

# The International Reading Association

Honors

## Paulo Freire



An inspiring, passionate teacher and scholar who has brought hope and liberating ideas to educators and students around the world. He has taught that education is politics, that education should help empower and emancipate people against injustice, that knowledge is a profound and transforming experience. He has insisted that all people have the right to speak their own words, that education means questioning answers, not just answering questions, that educators must have faith in people and love them, to help them reflect on their conditions and overcome the limits around them. He has brought learning and history together so that we might reinvent both with our own hands and our own dreams.

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*Carl Braun*

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