

The logo for AMLE (All Middle School Literature Exchange) features the letters 'AMLE' in white, bold, sans-serif font inside a red speech bubble. The speech bubble is layered over a blue and orange background.

Middle School Student Sound Off

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A decorative vine with green ivy leaves hangs down the left side of the poem's frame.

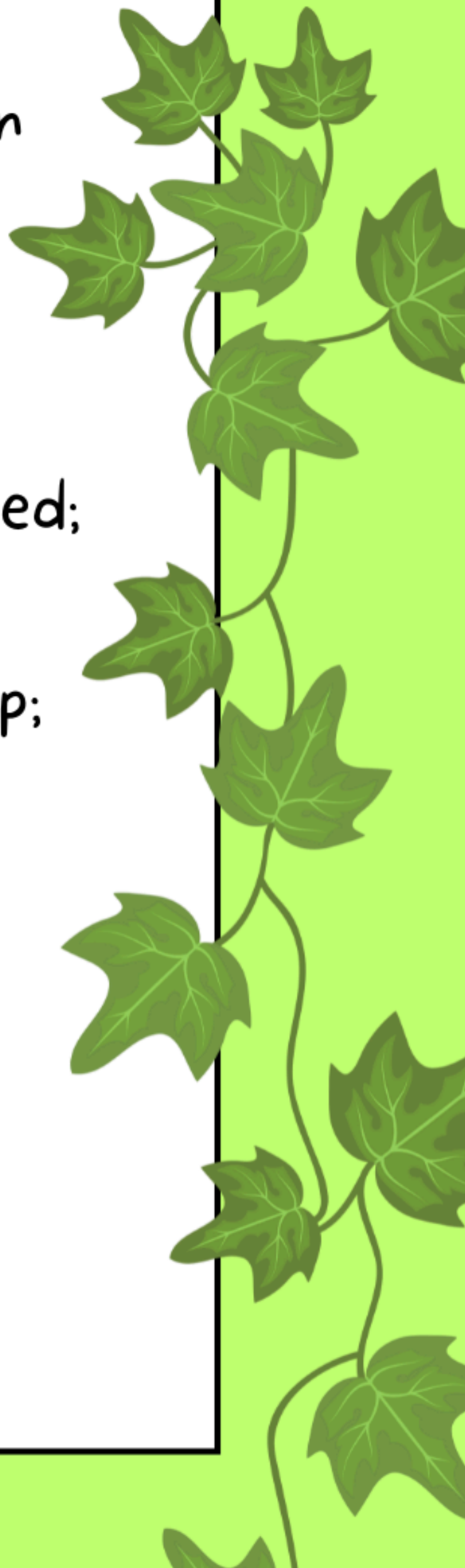
Drama

It grows in the hallways, seed after seed;
planted by those who want to be seen;
by making somebody else feel down;
it gives them the royal cape and the crown;
to fracture the tales around the school;
trying to make themselves sound cool.

From tattle-tales to bullies, they're all the same;
making you mad is always the game.
So ignore them. Forget it. They're not worth
your time;
No matter their citrus, lemon or lime.

Just like a cactus, you get close, you get pricked;
that's the way those gossips get tricked.
Now you know, that like the cream in the cup;
the kindest people will end up on top.

-Sienna Mann

A decorative vine with green ivy leaves hangs down the right side of the poem's frame.