

# MORE THAN A SCORE

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Judgement Day is upon us  
The time has come once again  
To confine our knowledge to bubbles  
And cite our evidence  
We'll strip the walls of all knowledge  
And put the desks back in rows  
The moment has arrived  
For students to show what they know  
They will be asked to read and write  
At levels that are quite complex  
If we only test what we value,  
Is there no value in the rest?  
We're told it measures potential  
That it helps build resilience and grit  
180 days of learning  
Yet, it all comes down to this  
We will follow the rules of the game  
But will not be defined by the score  
You cannot quantify the qualities  
That make us so much more  
We are smart in many ways  
That you simply cannot measure  
You could not put on paper  
What we have accomplished together  
We cultivate problem solvers  
Day in, and day out  
We greatly impact the future  
And that's what really counts

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