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Thinking with Hannah Arendt and Walter Benjamin

What does it mean to think poetically?



In her introduction to *Illuminations*, Hannah Arendt writes: “What is so hard to understand about Benjamin is that without being a poet he thought poetically.” Looking at their friendship in exile, Hannah Arendt’s poems, and Benjamin’s *Theses on the Philosophy of History*, Arendt and Benjamin offer us a way of thinking to resist the temptations of ideology, authority transmitted by tradition, and the demands of disciplinary thinking.

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