

Lesson 9:

Our Names, Our Identity

Appendix C – Bio Poem

Note to teacher:

Make enough copies for each student.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Bio-Poem

Example:

Martin

Proud, courageous, eloquent, wise

Leader to millions

Who loved nonviolence, God, and humanity

Who felt outraged by hate and prejudice

And who was inspired by acts of kindness

Who gained greater dignity for his people?

And hoped everyone could live in peace

He lives in our hearts

Luther King, Jr.



Step 1: Brainstorming ideas

1. List at least seven adjectives that you would use to describe yourself.

2. List three important relationships in your life (e.g., friend, brother, daughter, or nephew).

3. List five things that you love.

4. List five memories you have and describe how you felt at those times.

5. List five of your fears.

6. List three accomplishments.

7. List five wishes or hopes.

8. Where do you live?

Step 2: Use your answers to the above questions to help you write your bio-poem.

The Bio-poem Structure

- (Line 1) First name
- (Line 2) Three or four adjectives that describe you
- (Line 3) Important relationship (e.g., daughter of . . . , friend of . . .)
- (Line 4) Two or three things, people, or ideas that you love
- (Line 5) Three feelings you have experienced
- (Line 6) Three fears you have experienced
- (Line 7) Accomplishments (e.g., who won, who performed, who learned . . .)
- (Line 8) Two or three things you want to see happen or want to experience
- (Line 9) Your residence (Line 10) Last name Write your bio-poem below.

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