

How to Write a Bio Poem

Objective

A bio poem can be used to teach students to focus on the characteristics of a person, an animal, anything or anyone. It requires the student to put themselves in the subject's shoes.

Students will

- identify traits of a character in a text they have read
- use descriptive details in a poem
- include a symbolic element from the story
- experience all phases of the writing process
- think and write creatively
- evaluate a text
- share their writing with peers

Method

- Line 1: First Name
Line 2: Four descriptive traits about the character
Line 3: Brother of sister of...
Line 4: Lover of... (3-4 specific ideas)
Line 5: Who feels... (3-4 specific ideas)
Line 6: Who needs... (3-4 specific ideas)
Line 7: Who gives... (3-4 ideas)
- Line 8: Who fears... (3-4 ideas)
Line 9: Who would like to see...
Line 10: Resident of...
Line 11 Last Name

Example

Monica Louise

Creative, intelligent, fun, responsible, self-disciplined, and enthusiastic

Sister of Megan and Melinda Loves to snow ski, water ski, take care of Lucy, and go to movies

Who needs her cell phone, her scrunchie, chili con queso, her friends and family

Who gives her Nonnie much joy, her father and mother much pride; brother and sister love

Who feels joy with her friends, closing on a contract, spending time with Rob, and watching movies

Who fears another car wreck, missing a call, bad hair days and coming in last

Who would like to own a Navigator, have someone else cook dinner, travel extensively

Who shares her secrets, her worries, and her fears with her husband

Who is a wife, a mother, a friend to Amber, and daughter of Don and Betty

Who is a resident of Austin, Texas

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