

Name: _____

I Am Poem

The Task:

Create your own *I Am* poem. The topic of your poem is you. Use your poem to introduce yourself to me and the class. Use the format of the *I Am Canadian* poem as a guide, but do not copy any of the content.

Length: Your poem should be at least ten sentences long.

The Steps:

1. Think about who you are and what you want to say about yourself.
2. Write a rough draft of your poem which includes the following:
 - Start with 2 or 3 lines on what you are not; think about the stereotypes people hold about teens.
 - Write 2 or 3 lines on what you are; think about your interests and activities and what you are to others.
 - Write 2 or 3 lines on what you believe in; think about your values or what you think the world should be like.
 - Write 2 or 3 lines on what you can do; consider your skills and strengths.
 - End with the line: My name is _____, and I am _____.
 - The 2nd half of this line can also be your title
3. Proofread your draft for errors in punctuation, spelling, capitalization, etc.
4. Create a corrected polished copy of your poem on a piece of blank paper.
5. Illustrate your poem with pictures and symbols that represent you.
6. Hand in:
 1. polished and illustrated poem
 2. rough draft
 3. assignment sheet

Evaluation:	Poem demonstrates creativity and effort	/10	
	Poem follows the <i>I Am Canadian</i> format	/5	
	Writing is virtually error free		/10
	Poem is effectively illustrated		/5

Total /30

I Am Canadian

"I'm not a lumberjack or a fur trader.

And I don't live in an igloo or eat blubber or own a dog sled.

And I don't know Jimmy, Sally or Suzie from Canada, although I am certain they are really, really nice.

I have a Prime Minister, not a President; I speak English and French, not American; and I pronounce it 'about' not 'a boot.'

I can proudly sew my country's flag on my backpack; I believe in peace keeping, not policing; diversity, not assimilation, and that the beaver is a truly proud and noble animal.

A toque is a hat, a chesterfield is a couch, and it is pronounced 'zed.' Not 'zee,' 'zed.'

Canada is the second-largest land mass, the first nation of hockey _ and the best part of North America.

My name is Joe, and I am Canadian.