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Wrap-Up**Creative Writing**

Objective: Understanding character motivations and identifying character traits through the use of poetry

Activity

Write an "I Am" poem for Blanche, Stella, Stanley, or Mitch. Let the words and actions of the characters inspire you. Feel free to use direct quotations.

Follow this structure to write your poem:

- Line 1: Begin with the words "I am."
 Line 2: Write three nouns about which your character has strong feelings.
 Line 3: Write a complete sentence about two things that your character likes.
 Line 4: Begin with three qualities (nouns) your character appreciates in other people. End the sentence with the words "are important to me."
 Line 5: Write a sentence explaining something positive that your character likes about him/herself.
 Lines 6 & 7: Begin a sentence in line 6 in which you show something negative that your character sees in him/herself or in others; finish the sentence in Line 7 by explaining how something bad can come from good, or vice versa.
 Lines 8-10: Write three short sentences explaining things about which your character has strong feelings—likes or dislikes.
 Line 11: End the poem with the words, "I am _____." (Fill in the name of the character you have chosen.)

Example:

I am
 Strength, anger, excitement
 I like talking on the phone and soaking in the bathtub.
 Honesty, caring, and hard work are important to me.
 I make others feel good about themselves.
 I dream too much
 but live each day to its fullest.
 I like to talk.
 I dislike rude people.
 I like time to myself.
 I am _____.