

Bio Poem

Goal: To share information about ourselves (a good writing exercise during Orientation)

Preparation: Biographical Poem format

Line 1: Your first name

Line 2: Who is.... (words that describe you)

Line 3: Who is brother or sister of....

Line 4: Who loves.... (3 ideas or people)

Line 5: Who feels.... (3 ideas)

Line 6: Who needs.... (3 ideas)

Line 7: Who gives.... (3 ideas)

Line 8: Who fears.... (3 ideas)

Line 9: Who would like to see.... (a place or event)

Line 10: Who wishes....

Line 11: Who is.... (a quality or character trait)

Line 12: Who is a resident of....

Line 13: Your last name

PLAN

Show students the Bio Poem format. Brainstorm a list of words with the class for any of the lines you think may be difficult.

WORK

Students write poems. They may add drawings to accompany the poems.

WORK SHARE (choose from the following possibilities)

- Students volunteer to read their poems.
- Exchange poems randomly, read one out loud, and, if it is at least two months into the school year, try to guess who wrote it.
- Make a bulletin board display, mount and label the poems and the drawings for public presentation.

REFLECT

What did you learn about yourself after writing your poem?

What did you learn about your classmates after hearing their poems? What do you have in common with some of your classmates?

How does this activity help our community?

PLAN FOR SUCCESS: Be sure to write and share your own Bio Poem to show that you are a contributing part of this community.