

WRITING #3 – MRS. C'S ENGLISH

IDENTITY + SOLO/THE POET X/LONG WAY DOWN

Revisit the poems listed on the next page (based on which book you just read) and try writing your own identity-based poem(s).

Things to notice:

- These poems all have to do with WHO the main character is, or thinks they are.
- Each poem has a title (that sometimes reads right into the piece itself)
- These poems don't rhyme
- Lines in these poems have no specific length
- Structures of these poems (where the line breaks and stanzas change) depend on how the writer wants the reader to perceive them but there aren't any hard and fast rules
- Words are relatively few and chosen carefully

1. You could consider the examples a pattern or template and mimic the poet's choices.
OR
2. Craft your own poetry in a style that suits you.
3. Make sure the poem shows YOU – Who are you? Why is that identity important?
4. **MOST IMPORTANT: Your poetry needs to be YOURS!! Don't plagiarize.**
5. After the poem, write a brief paragraph about your poetry writing experience. What was it like? Would you repeat it? How is it different from writing in more traditional forms?

Tech Steps:

1. Open your Dropbox – and go to your DRAFTS folder.
2. Choose CREATE NEW FILE & start a new WORD document.
3. Write your poem(s) & reflection. Make them "good." Reread them to be sure it makes sense.
4. Make sure they looks like a poem & a paragraph.
5. Work on this writing in your drafts folder until you are satisfied that it says what you want to say.
6. Title the doc Yourlastname Writing 3 (not literally – replace that with YOUR last name)
7. To SUBMIT – move your appropriately named document to the your submissions folder (use the menu – 3 dots – button to choose move and then select the folder to move it to).
8. DO NOT share the document. I already have access to your folders so that is an unnecessary step.

POEMS TO REVISIT

SOLO - KWAME ALEXANDER

Who Am I? p. 18

Erase Me p. 120

Day 2 p. 154

THE POET X - ELIZABETH ACEVEDO

Names p. 7

Rough Draft Assignment 2 p. 126

Verses p. 306

LONG WAY DOWN - JASON REYNOLDS

My Name Is p. 2

L Stood for "Loser" p. 75

When We Were Kids p. 289