

## WRITING #2 – 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 & start a new MSWORD document.
3. Write your commentary. Make it good. Reread it to be sure it makes sense.
4. Make sure you shift paragraphs where ideas shift and use a reasonable sized font (the default is just fine).
5. Title the doc YourlastnameWriting2.docx\* (not literally – use YOUR last name, e.g. MartinezWriting2.docx). \*Note: the file extension .docx will show up automatically – don't add it. Also, don't delete the file extension or your doc won't open.
6. 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