

### I Come From Poem

Start each sentence with “I come from...” and fill in the sentences with a response to each of the following prompts.

I Come From:

1. A place you call home.
2. A childhood memory.
3. A person who has had an influence on you.
4. Something that you want to change about the world.
5. Something/someone you are thankful for.

Write your responses remembering to begin each sentence with “I come from”. After you have finished writing, look over your work and make sure the sentences make sense. Share.

### I Am Poem

The “I Am” poem is a poem written in response to the sights, sounds, actions, smells, colors, feelings, etc. that the individual is experiencing in an environment or imagined environment. The responses can be shared and collected to create a collaborative poem or they can be used to share an experience, a memory, tell a story, or describe oneself. They can also be used to offer another perspective (written in another character’s voice).

The format and length is open with each sentence starting with “I am...” For example, students might be asked to write about being at the ocean as a way to capture their personal experience. Ask students to give examples of the sounds of water:

Swirling waves  
Crashing waves  
Moving water

Ask students to write between three and 10 sentences using the “I am” format, starting each sentence with, “I am”.

An example of student work:

I am the wave crashing then receding  
I am the grain of sand in your pockets  
I am the sun giving you burns  
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