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Self-Portrait Poem Exercises

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Exercise #3: "I Am" Poem

The piece should be ten lines long, and should begin and end with the line "I am".

In between, write four truthful statements about yourself and four lies. The idea is to mix them up so that telling truth from fiction may be difficult. Make the lies believable: we know you aren't ten feet tall and that you don't have an NBA contract. Also don't directly contradict yourself. If you say you are twelve in one line and that you are fourteen in another line, we will know that one of these is a lie.

Example:

I am Paula Jones.

I am sixteen years old.

I ride wild stallions.

I collect foreign coins.

My sister has six fingers on her left hand.

My mother and I always get along.

Time has stood still for me.

An arsonist destroyed my home.

My father is a mole in the CIA.

I am Paula Jones.

Your turn!

Exercise #5: "Just Because" Poem

Follow the pattern below to create a poem about you. Be sure to employ CONCRETE images!

Example:

Just because

Just because I'm half Japanese
I'm not a California roll
I'm not a Sony TV or radio
I'm not a Toyota or a Nissan
Just because I'm half Japanese
I don't like being considered one race
I do like being considered a Jew
I'm not a "mixed up person"
Just because I'm half Japanese
I do like things that you do like to do
I do like and play basketball
Just because I'm half Japanese
What is race?
Is there a thing called race?
Can't you just like me because I'm me?
I think so.

Your turn!

Just because

Just because I'm _____
Doesn't mean _____
Doesn't mean _____
And doesn't mean _____
Just because _____
Doesn't mean _____
Doesn't mean _____
Doesn't mean _____
Just because _____
Doesn't mean _____
Doesn't mean _____
Doesn't mean _____
Just because _____
(Question) _____?
(Question) _____?
(Question) _____?
(Statement) _____