

# Hello!

**Thank you for downloading this PowerPoint,  
here are a couple of quick notes for you...**



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We hope you and your students enjoy this lesson!

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I AM...

POETRY COMPETITION  
FOR 11-18 YEAR-OLDS

LONELY  
CREATIVE  
KIND  
PROUD  
ANGRY  
SHY HAPPY  
LOYAL ANXIOUS  
PASSIONATE  
CONFIDENT  
STRONG  
ADVENTUROUS  
BRAVE BORED  
FEARLESS  
SENSITIVE  
EXTROVERTED  
INTROVERTED  
SAD STRESSED  
AFRAID

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Today you are going to write  
a poem for Young Writers'  
This Is Me competition.

Grab a pen or open Word, etc. to  
make your notes...

Let's get started!

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Learning outcomes & success criteria:

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Firstly, you're going to watch a video that introduces the activity:

<https://youtu.be/hSbmdCqULR4>



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## **What Makes You, You?**

As a class, discuss all the things that make a person unique.

Write down the suggestions so you can refer back to them later.

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## **What makes you, you?**

Here are our suggestions – did you come up with all of these? Are there any you didn't consider? Did you think of any that we missed?

- Physical appearance
- Emotions
- Personality
- Family
- Likes and dislikes
- Hobbies
- Friends
- Ambitions or hopes
- Fears
- Views and beliefs

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## **The Foundations Of You**

Your teacher will give you a 'The Bricks That Built Me' activity sheet.

Think about which are the 'biggest' or 'strongest' bricks that make you who you are. What is the most important part of you?

There is no wrong answer, it's whatever you think!

You might think of more than one; write each one down in the bricks at the bottom of the sheet to create your 'foundation'.



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## **The Bricks That Built Me**

Now you've filled in your 'foundations', fill in more words that describe you.

Think about the categories you came up with as a class earlier.

The more you can think of, the more ideas you'll have for your poem.

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## Your Poem Style

Before you start to write your poem, decide what poetic style you will write in. Here are some suggestions:

- Acrostic
- Rhyme
- Sonnet
- Diamante poem
- Haiku
- Cinquain

If you're not sure how to write in these styles, don't worry, you can choose Free Verse, which means there are no set rules. You choose the line length, verses, rhyme scheme... everything!

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## **Build Your Poem**

Hopefully you should have a few words that describe you. Now it's time to start to turn them into poetic lines.

Remember which poetic style you have chosen, as that may affect how you form your lines.

Choose some of your favourites, or ones that work well together in a theme. E.g. Choose the words that relate to your family and childhood to write about your background.

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Write some lines using the words you have selected.

Think about including some poetic techniques to help with the rhythm and flow of your poem:

- rhyme
- metaphors
- similes
- alliteration or assonance
- repetition

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Here are some line starter ideas for more inspiration to help you with your poem:

- These are the bricks that built me...
- I have a base of...
- I am made of...
- Topped off with...
- My walls are...
- I take shelter under...
- At my core you will find...

There are some more poetry prompts on the planning sheet/entry form.

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## **Time To Write!**

Now it's time to start putting your lines together to create your finished poem. Play around with the order to see what works best.

Does anything need adding? Is there anything that doesn't quite work?

Can you see anywhere to add in more poetic techniques at this stage?

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## **Peer Feedback**

Work in pairs and read your poem to your partner.

They should give you feedback on your poem – something they like and something that could be improved.

Do the same for them.

Once you have your feedback, make any changes so you have your final poem!

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## **Competition Time!**

Make sure your name is on your work!

Then do one of the following:

- Hand in your form to your teacher if you've written/typed it on the entry form
- Or
- Submit your work if using the Online Writing Portal



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POEM FOR THIS IS ME**

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