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Period

**I am What I am**

*A Researched Epic Poem*

You are going to write a poem about who you are. You will go deeper than what people can observe, and predict about you. You will delve into how you became the person you are, what you will become, and what you believe.

The objective of this poem is to train you to identify, express, and support your core beliefs. This poem will require skillful elaboration.

   Good elaboration will reasonably interpreted the facts.

   Good elaboration will not make illogical interpretive leaps.

   Good elaboration will not assume more than the evidence supports.

   Good elaboration considers and responds to possible counter-arguments.

This poem must contain these things:

* 18 poetic lines
* 8 different smiley face tricks
* 3 researched (and cited) facts

Make a list of your ideas and elaborations below. **Don’t describe any of the things you list yet!**

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| Ideas of events, decisions, facts, and goals: | Elaboration: |

**Choosing a Focus-Questions to think about:**

Choose the **theme** you will write

your poem about:

* Which ideas are the most unique to me?
* Which ideas might surprise others?
* Which ideas do I have the most to say about?
* Which ideas do I feel strongest about?

Describe in detail the topic(s) you chose use smiley face tricks:

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| 1. Explain. Why is this topic important to you? 2. How can you make this topic important to others? | Make a list of questions you could research in order to have facts that you can include in your poem.  1.  2.  3.  4.  5. |