

"I Am" Poem Format

Directions: You will write your poem as if you are Nelson Mandela, F.W. de Klerk, or Jomo Kenyatta. After discussing the different leaders in class and the research you have done on your own, fill in the blanks on the leader you chose. After you have completed this template, you will create a final draft by typing your "I Am" Poem, printing it out, and drawing a picture of your leader or something that represents your leader. Make your final draft visually appealing.

I Am...

I am _____ (two special characteristics)

I wonder _____ (something you are curious about)

I hear _____ (an imaginary sound)

I see _____ (an imaginary sight)

I want _____ (an actual desire)

I am _____ (same as first line)

I pretend _____ (something you pretend to do)

I feel _____ (a feeling about something imaginary)

I touch _____ (an imaginary touch)

I worry _____ (something that really bothers you)

I cry _____ (something that makes you very sad)

I am _____ (same as first line)

I understand _____ (something you know is true)

I say _____ (something you believe in)

I dream _____ (something you actually dream about)

I try _____ (something you make an effort to do)

I hope _____ (something you actually hope for)

I am _____ (same as first line)

... Nelson Mandela/Frederik Willem de Klerk/Jomo Kenyatta (type the appropriate name)