

Bio Poems Made Easy

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Printable and Digital Student Pages



What are Bio Poems?

A bio poem is a simple poem written about a person, and it follows a predictable pattern. Bio poems generally don't rhyme, and they can be autobiographical or biographical. Begin by having your students write bio poems about themselves, and later they can write about other people or characters. Both printable and digital versions of the student pages are included. Links to the Google Slides versions are on page 3, and the printable versions start on page 4.

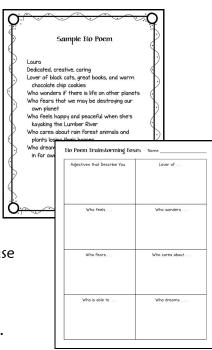
Bio Poem Topic Ideas

- Back to School Write and share autobiographical poems
- Holiday-Themed Mother's Day, Father's Day, President's Day
- Book or Movie Characters
- Historical Figures Scientists, Inventors, Explorers, Politicians

Suggested Lesson Sequence

- 1. Before the lesson, write your own bio poem following the example on the next page. You'll need this to share with your students when you start the lesson.
- 2. Begin by telling your students that they are going to create simple poems about themselves called "bio poems." Display and read your example to the class.
- 3. Distribute copies of the brainstorming boxes graphic organizer on page 5. As a class, brainstorm a list of positive character traits that could be written in the first box. Then ask your students to record ideas for each topic in the other 7 boxes.
- 4. After students have spent 10 to 15 minutes brainstorming ideas on their own, encourage them to pair up with a partner and discuss their ideas.
- 5. Next display your example again and show students how to use the ideas from the brainstorming boxes graphic organizer to create a bio poem. Younger students may need the planning page template (page 6), but older students can usually do this on lined paper if you display the template in front of the class. Let them arrange the lines in any order they wish.





- 6. After students write a draft on the Bio Poem Planning Page, ask them to confer with a partner and check each other's work for spelling or grammatical errors. Ask them to copy their final poems onto the decorative paper on page 7. Another option would be to type their poems and print them, or simply copy them onto plain paper.
- 7. Provide time for students to share their poems. You might also want to create a class book of their work or display them on a bulletin board.

Elo Poem Planning Page First Name 3 Words That Describe You Lover of Who is able to Who feets Who wonders Who cores about Who dreams of

Word Cloud Extension Activity

To integrate technology into this lesson, you can have your students create "word clouds" of their poems. You can do this with the free Wordle program. Go to www.wordle.net and download their free software. Install it on a computer and then test it out yourself before using it with students. Copy and paste the text of the poem into the "create" field. To change the size of the words, repeat the most important words over and over. The more often you repeat the word, the larger it will be in the final Wordle. The sample word cloud on page 8 was created using Wordle.



Google Slides Versions of the Examples and Activity Pages

Click the links below to access the Google Slides versions of the examples and activity pages. You'll be prompted to copy them to your Google Drive and you can assign them from there.

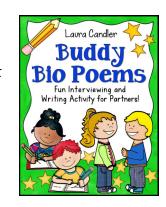


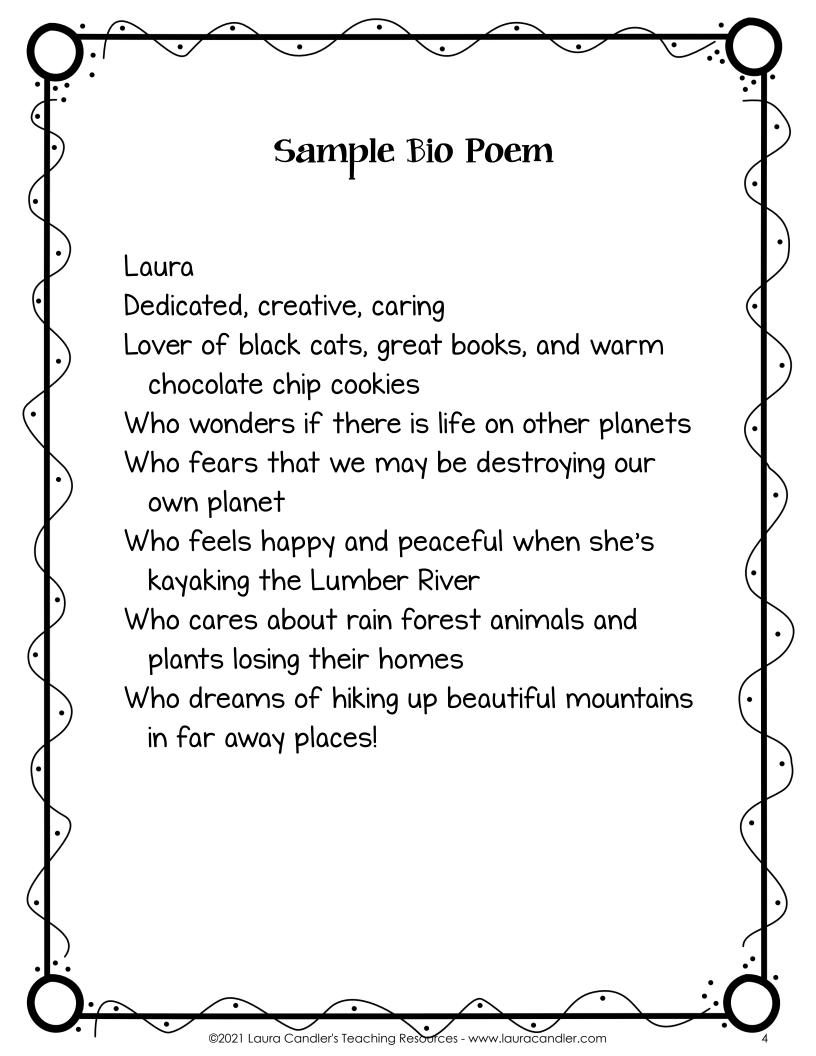
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- Bio Poem Planning Page https://bit.ly/biopoemplanning
- Bio Poem Blank Template https://bit.ly/biopoem-template
- Wordle Example https://bit.ly/wordleexample
- Bonus: Historical Figures https://bit.ly/biopoem-historicalfigures



Buddy Bio Poems Extension Activity

If your students like this lesson, they'll LOVE <u>Buddy Bio Poems</u>, a fun poetry-writing activity for partners. The lesson begins with each student interviewing a partner to gather facts and information about his or her classmate. Next, each student composes a short bio poem using information learned during the partner interview. This activity can be used as a back-to-school icebreaker, as a fun writing activity before a holiday, or as an introductory lesson for a poetry unit. Click the image on the right to find it in my TpT store!





Bio Poem Brainstorming Boxes Name _____ Person or Character _____ Adjectives that Describe Person Who enjoys . . . Who feels . . . Who wonders . . . Who cares about . . . Who fears ... Who is able to . . . Who dreams ...



Bio Poem Planning Page

Name	
First	
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3 Words That Describe You __

Who enjoys

Who is able to

Who feels

Who wonders

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Who cares about

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Wordle Poem Example



Created by Francie Kugelman at Wordle.net

Bio Poem Brainstorming Boxes

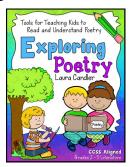
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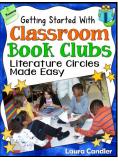
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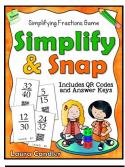
Adjectives that Describe Person	Lover of
Who wondered	Who dreamed of
Who learned	Who discovered
Who made a difference by	Who is remembered for

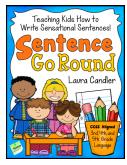
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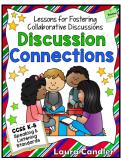


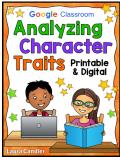


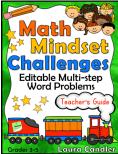


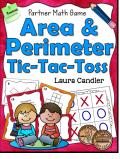


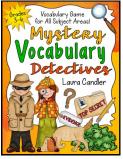


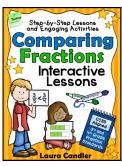




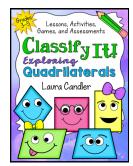


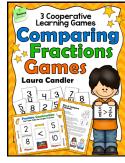


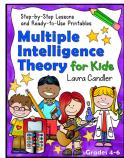




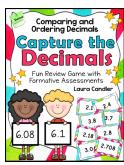


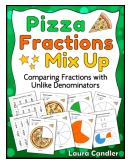


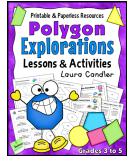


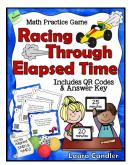












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