

My Life IN 30 WORDS

You have just been selected as

Time Magazine's "Poet of the Year"

You are very excited to receive the great honor and have your picture and biography in the famous magazine.

However, the editors have asked you to write your own biography and it MUST be a poem of EXACTLY 30 words... no more, no less.

What 30 words best describe you and your life?
What 30 words only describe you and your unique personality and talents?
What makes you different from everyone else?

Your Task:

- Brainstorm as many words as you can to describe yourself—hobbies, quirks, abilities, personality traits (messy, neat, moody, picky, artistic, sporty), family, likes /dislikes...
- Write your poem using exactly 30 words.
- Display your poem in the form of a small poster with pictures and symbols that represent your unique qualities and abilities
- Pictures can be hand drawn, from a magazine or from the internet, however they must symbolize you.
- Don't forget to check for spelling and grammar errors.
- Be creative. Really dig deep into who YOU are as a person!

Grading Criteria

- Your poem must be exactly 30 words.
- Your poem should flow smoothly rather than just be a list of 30 words.
- Includes pictures and symbols to represent you and your unique personality.
- Please do not hand this assignment in if it is incomplete.



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My Character Traits

Things That Make Me Unique

My Favorite Things

My Hobbies

Symbols That Represent Me

Other Important Details



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Finalizing Your Poem

Look over your brainstorming worksheet and pick out the words and ideas that you think MOST represent you and your unique personality and qualities. You can only use 30 words, so pick your words carefully.

Helpful Hints

- Avoid just listing your favorite 30 things or 30 character traits.
- Add words and ideas to help your poem flow smoothly.
- If you can't fit all of your ideas into your poem, think about how you could represent those ideas on your poster visually.
 - Be creative and use descriptive words.

EXAMPLE POEMS

You can write your poem in 3rd person. (As if someone else is writing it about you.) Here's an example:

Mason

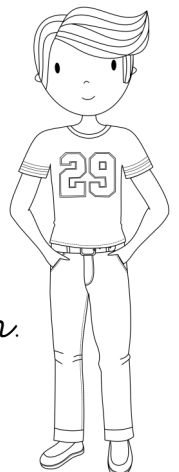
Fiery trouble maker who torments his sister and frustrates his parents.
He craves chocolate ice cream, pizza, and salty popcorn.
Lives for retro video games and fishing with his buddies.

Or you can write it in 1st person. (From your own perspective.)
Here's an example:

Jacinta

I am a Spanish speaking, hamburger loving sister and daughter.
I dream of Paris, bungee jumping and become a nurse.
Fast reader, expert "texter", loud laughter, story teller and athlete.

Pick the point of view that you think best suits your poem.

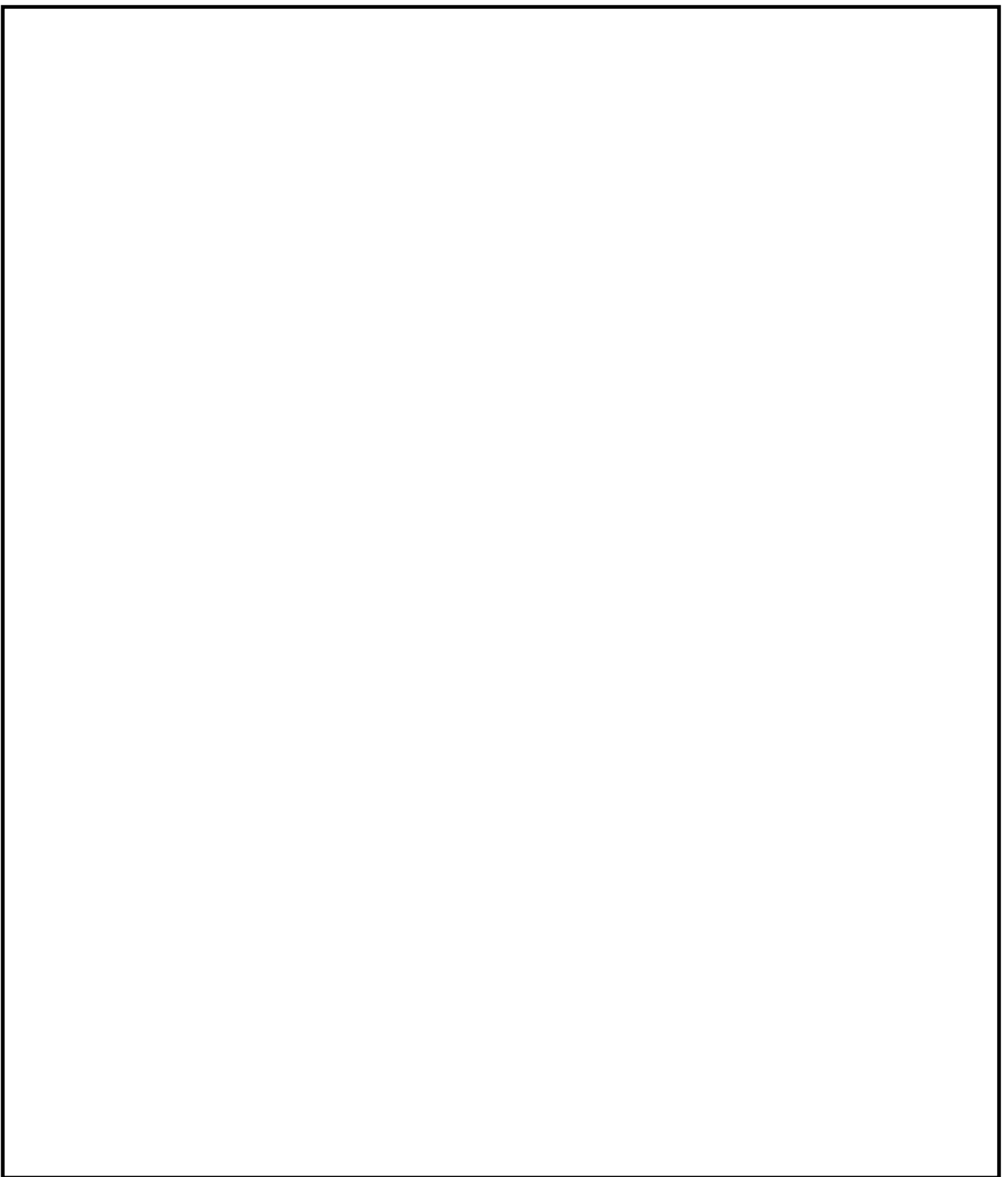


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| Not Quite | You Did It | Good Work | Excellent |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I did not use exactly 30 words. I only have a list of words. I have many errors with spelling and grammar. My work is poorly presented. I have few or no symbols or pictures. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I used exactly 30 words. I tried to write a poem, but it is mostly just a list of words. I have errors in basic spelling and grammar. My have a basic visual presentation with a few symbols / pictures. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I used exactly 30 words. I wrote a poem that is more than just a list of words. I have a mostly well written assignment with some errors with spelling and grammar. I have good visual presentation with good symbols / pictures. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I used exactly 30 words. I wrote a well-developed poem that is descriptive and creative. I have a well written assignment with few to no errors in spelling and grammar. I have an excellent visual presentation with appropriate symbols / pictures. |

I could improve by...

