

Acrostic Poem

Developed for Poetry Out Loud 2022/23

Name of Lesson: Acrostic Poem

Standards Addressed: W.9-10.2.d-e; W.11-12.2d-e; W.9-10.3; W.11-12.3;
W.9-10.4; W.11-12.4; SL.9-10.4; SL.11-12.4; SL.9-10.6; SL.11-12.6

Lesson Focus: For this lesson the scholar will be writing an **Acrostic Poem**.

Learning Objectives: The objective of this lesson is for the scholar to explore the meaning of their name and create a unique poem that describes them best.

Materials Needed:

Pencil
Paper
Dictionary

Activity:

Today students will be writing an **acrostic poem** using their first name. Students should take ten minutes to look up & write down the definition of their first name. You should base your poem of the definition you found.

An **acrostic** is a poem or other composition in which the first letter (or syllable, or word) of each line (or paragraph, or other recurring feature in the text) spells out a word, message or the alphabet.

Example:

My name is Matthew and it means gift from GOD.

My voice is
A gift from God
Through
The lyrics I write I
Hope to inspire
Everyone around me
With the help from the man from above

Discuss the writing process with students. What came easy? What was challenging? How might they approach writing a poem differently next time? What are they proud of? Share! Have students read/recite their poems for the class.

TIPS ON WRITING AN acrostic poem.

1. Decide what to write about.
2. Write your word down vertically.
3. Brainstorm words or phrases that describe your idea.
4. Place your brainstormed words or phrases on the lines that begin with the same letters.
5. Fill in the rest of the lines to create a poem.