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### **I Am Poem – Student Handout**

***Instructions:*** Fill in the necessary information to create a poem about a main character in your book.

I am (A special characteristic you have).  
I wonder (something you are curious about).  
I hear (an imaginary or actual sound).  
I see (an imaginary or actual sight).  
I want (a desire).  
I am (the character's name).

I pretend (something you actually pretend to do).  
I feel (a feeling you often have).  
I touch (someone or something you depend on).  
I worry (something that really bothers you).  
I cry (something that makes you sad).  
I am (the character's name).

I understand (something you know to be true).  
I say (something you believe in).  
I dream (something you could actually dream about).  
I try (something you make an effort to do).  
I hope (something you hope for).  
I am (the character's name).

#### **Your Assignment:**

1. Rough draft of your "I Am Poem." Due date \_\_\_\_\_
2. Final Copy: Due date \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. On a blank paper, create a visual to use as a background for your poem.
    - i. The visual should:
      1. Relate to at least one line of your poem
      2. Be in color
      3. Be carefully created
      4. Fill the whole blank paper
      5. Have a space to write your poem
  - b. Write your poem neatly on the visual background for a final product.
    - i. The poem should:
      1. Be neatly written or typed
      2. Have no spelling or grammar errors
      3. Accurately represent your character
      4. End marks for each line
      5. Only 18 line poem

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### Example Poem

#### I Am Maniac Magee by Ms. Conceison

I am a homeless boy.  
I wonder where I will spend the night.  
I hear voices of prejudice and discrimination.  
I see people fighting to survive.  
I want to be part of a family.  
I am Maniac Magee.

I pretend that the people I love belong to me.  
I feel scared on the inside, brave on the outside.  
I touch everyone's lives.  
I worry that I will never fit in.  
I cry when people only see skin deep.  
I am Maniac Magee.

I understand that not everyone has a place to dream.  
I say that home is more than just a place.  
I dream about my parents.  
I try to belong.  
I hope that nobody forgets me.  
I am Maniac Magee.