**OVERVIEW**

Grades: 6-12  
**Objective:** Create an “I Am From Poem” using Adobe Spark Post  
**Academic Concepts:** Writing, identity, spelling, metaphor, poetry.  
**Art Concepts:** Digital Design, photography, typography, poetry, color theory, arrangement.

**WRITING CONCEPTS**

**Identity:** who you are, the way you think about yourself, the way you are viewed by the world and the characteristics that define you.

**ART & DESIGN: VOCAB AND CONCEPTS**

- **Color theory**- Mixing color, how colors relate to one another, and the visual effects of color combinations.  
- **Negative Space**- In art, negative space is the space around and between the subject of an image.  
- **Typography**- The style, design, and arrangement of letters and numbers.  
- **Branding**- The design or style that identifies and differentiates one company (or person’s artwork) from another. The unique style or symbol, like a Nike Swoosh, or Adidas 3 lines.

**VISUAL INQUIRY**

**WHAT DO YOU SEE? (OR HEAR, TASTE, SMELL, TOUCH?)**

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**I AM FROM SPAIN AND QUEENS. I AM FROM BUSY STREETS AND TRAFFIC LIGHTS. I AM FROM RICE AND BEANS AND SPICY FOOD. I AM FROM A BIG RED FLOWERED PAINTING. I AM FROM A BIG HOUSE WITH A DAD WHO MAKES SILLY JOKES.**

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**I AM FROM HERE AND THERE AND EVERYWHERE.**

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**Yerelin Martinez**
“I AM FROM” Poem Project with Adobe Spark

1. What do you see in this picture? Pick three things.

2. Where does your focus go in this picture, if you close your eyes then open them?

3. This poem is about the people, places, and favorite things in a person’s life. What is your favorite detail in this poem? Why?

This image includes a poem about a person’s identity. Identity relates to all of the unique details that make up a person’s unique self. In the example, what are the things that make Yerelin, Yerelin? What are some unique details, colors, and sounds in Yerelin’s life? Yerelin’s poem includes “city streets” because she is from Queens where there are many cars and streets. She is from “Spain” because this is where she is from. She is from “rice and beans” because she lives in a community where many people eat rice and beans and spicy food. Her poem includes the smells, sounds, and other details that make up the many parts of her identity.

In the example image, you should be able to observe different senses within the details of the poem. A dad who makes a silly joke, for example, is a detail that has to do with the sound of a person’s home.
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<th>PROMPT</th>
<th>Write your answers in this column. Continue the sentence that has been started.</th>
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<td>What city are you from?</td>
<td>I am from</td>
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<td>What does it sound like in your home?</td>
<td>I am from the sounds of</td>
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<td>Choose three favorite objects in your house?</td>
<td>I am from the</td>
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<td>Example, I am from the tall green house plant, the Frida Kahlo painting, and the blue wall.</td>
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<td>What are some of the activities that your mother, father, grandmother, or siblings do in your house? Example, I am from a father who tells silly jokes, and a sister who plays her music too loud.</td>
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<td>What are some of your personality traits?</td>
<td>I am made of</td>
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<td>Example, I am made up of sincerity, bravery, and sports.</td>
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<td>Write your own I AM FROM sentence that relates to something important to you.</td>
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Now you have a poem! Take your words from the right column together and join them together. for your project.
“I AM FROM” Poem Project with Adobe Spark

MAKING ART: ADOBE SPARK

Now we are going to make digital art work related to your poem!

**Step 1: New Project Flyer**

Log in to Adobe Spark. Choose CREATE A PROJECT in the drop down menu. Choose one of the top three options such as a POST, FACEBOOK COVER, or INSTAGRAM post. If you are not sure, just use FLYER.

**Step 2: Choose a Template:**

Pick a template that seems like your style. You will have time to change some of the colors and pictures. This gives you a fun starting point.

**Step 3: New Image**

Begin to replace the template with images that relate to YOU. Click on the photo (the banana in this one), and press REPLACE.
You can search for images that are in the database, by clicking the under FIND FREE PHOTOS, and using a key word that relates to you. You can use “eye,” “fashion,” “Puerto Rico” “goldfish” or other words that relate to you. It should be something that relates to your poem.

You can also upload an image of yourself or another country. See this example:

**Step 4: Replace text, Title.**
Now start to replace the text. Click on the text that you want to edit. Press the EDIT button. You can start with the title. You can change the size of the words by clicking the little grey FONT size section on the right. (It depends on the template you chose).

**Step 5: Replace Text: Add Poem lines**
Click on the other text boxes and start to type in your poem.

I am from the sounds of rainy streets,
I am from a white house with a backyard.
I am from slovak words and southern accents.
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Step 5: Sizes
Change the sizes and placement of the text. Use the little white boundary box to move the text to a place that looks best. You can press “return” in the lines to make text go to the next line.

Step 6. Color
Change colors to reflect your personality. Keep going until you love your design! Add as many details as you can.

Step 7: FINISH and Publish/Share
When you are finished with your design and your poem, you can download the image or share it. To create a link that you can share, click the upload sign in the upper right. Now you can create a link that you can paste anywhere (recommended), or you can share direct to classroom. Click publish, then share!