

7th grade students I Am From poems

Students Brainstorm:

- Food you like
- Sounds or phrases you hear
- Music you like
- Your home
- Your family
- Things you like to do

Have students choose the sections that are most vivid to arrange into an I Am From poem.

Framework:

I am from

List 3 things

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I am

To edit their poem, they thought about the overall feeling they were trying to communicate. They made word choices based on power and sound.

Example 1

I Am From Chihuahua

I am From

My mother's cooking

My father and sister

Singing together

And Me

By myself

With my ukulele

I Am From

Pizza, Tacos

Rice and beans

I Am From

My Sister that is always
Fuckin' Yelling!
My Mother telling me what to do
My Father that's always
Fuckin' Working!
And Me...
Alone...
With my ukulele

I Am From

My Ukulele that keeps me safe
My room that helps me cry myself to sleep
And the Darkness
That keeps me alive

I Am

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Example 2

I am from

rice, beans, and tacos.
The sizzling noise when my family cooks

I am from

the sound of birds chirping.
The sound of cars.
The breeze of the air.

I am from

Videogames, movies, and YouTube

I am

Adrian Luis Medina

Example 3

I am from

going to the lake,
making s'mores,
swimming in the lake,
sleeping in a camper,

I am from

having no wifi,
swinging from the tree swing,
running around in my swimming suit,
Having to spray mosquito spray on my legs,

I am from

fishing in the lake
catching rabbits and frogs,
driving in the big field,
playing hide and go seek in the trees

I am

a camper

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