

Character Bio-poem

Directions: Writing a bio-poem is an effective way to describe the deeper levels of a character's personality. It is also a good means of self-discovery. Below you will find specific guidelines on how to write a bio-poem and some examples of a bio-poem. After familiarizing yourself with the structure, write a bio-poem about one of the characters from Wiesel's autobiography. When you are finished, write a bio-poem about yourself. Be ready to share these poems with the rest of the class.

Follow the directions for each line of the poem. Copy any word that does not appear in parentheses.

(write character's first name)

(list three specific adjectives that describe this character)

(identify the character's relationship to another person: example, Son of Dave and Mary or Second daughter of Ted and Jenn)

Who feels (list three things the character feels)

Who fears (list three things the character fears)

Who would like (list three things)

Resident of (identify where the character resides)

(write the character's last name)

Examples:

A and C are personal bio-poems.
B and D are on literary characters.
(Examples were written by 9th graders.)

A.
AMY
Hyper, friendly, brunette
Sister of Dana
Lover of food, beaches, and guys
Who feels tired all the time, confused about
life, and hopeful about everything
Who fears spiders, embarrassment, and exclusion
Who would like a license, a boyfriend, and a fun
weekend
Residence of North Smithfield, R.I.
MAINELLI

B.
MAYELLA
Dirty, pitiful, secluded
Daughter of Bob Ewell
Lover of flowers, attention, and Tom
Who feels lonely, disrespected, and trapped
Who fears society, her father, and humiliation
Who would like money, a friend, and respect
Resident of the dump
EWELL

C.
Brian
Artistic, humorous, strange.
Son of his father.
Lover of Anti-Virus programs,
Mickey Mouse's laugh,
And big, fluffy dogs.
Who feels Public Education needs help.
The Energizer commercials are too repetitious,
And Surrealism is true art.
Who fears Dan Quayle becoming president.
Mister Hogue on an energetic day,
And a girlfriend with a protective brother named slash.
Who would like to be a better artist,
Bum around Europe awhile,
And get a spiffy Micky Mouse tie.
Resident of a small canoe town named Manville,
In the most corrupt state,
Frapper.

D.
Atticus
Unbiased, civilized, a true gentleman
Descendent of Simon Finch
Lover of peace, justice, and quiet time
Who feels everyone is equal, a fair chance should be
given to all, and that actions determine true courage
Who fears for his children, for the future of
society, and that the defenseless will be taken
advantage of
Who would like for his sister to leave,
to live in an unprejudiced society, and
for equality to be considered
Resident of Maycomb
Finch