

Where I'm From – Multimedia Project

When asked “Where are you from?” most of us respond with a report of facts such as the city we live in, a neighborhood or country. We might even go as far as tell about our family or our work. Again, we report information.

The key to this project is to distinguish the difference between “storytelling” and “reporting”. George Ella Lyon’s work has been used as an example for similar projects around the world for many years.

Where I'm From

By: George Ella Lyon, Poet and Write

Click on the link below and read the poem.

Retrieved from <http://www.georgeellalyon.com/where.html>

As she suggests on her website, it is time for you to create your own “Where I’m From” piece.



Use the space below to describe what has made you who you are today. Think about all of your five senses as you jot down a few notes. Don't worry about flow at first, just try to remember... what did you touch, smell, hear, taste, see? After you have some things listed you can then work at putting them into a poetic flow on the next page (if you like that form otherwise use your own flow).

If you are stuck, visit a few website with other peoples work to get your creative juices flowing.

<http://www.bright.net/~dlackey/wherefrom.pdf> (has a template with more in depth details)

<http://www.utata.org/show/speaks/toyfoto/1.php> Click on the numbers for more examples

Search the web for more "Where I'm From" poems (be sure to use the quotation marks in your search.)

Where I'm From Worksheet

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Now That You Have Your Poem

It is time to start thinking about your visuals. What type of images do you see when you read your poem? Can you capture images that would give the viewer the same message?

Use the following storyboard to help decide what images you will need to collect for your multimedia project. Fill in the square with the words from the poem as well as a description or a sketch of the image you would like to include in your project. Don't worry if you cannot come up with an image for every frame, maybe you will just use written text or just spoken word for a frame.

Storyboard

Frame 1	Frame 2	Frame 3	Frame 4
Frame 5	Frame 6	Frame 7	Frame 8
Frame 9	Frame 10	Frame 11	Frame 12
Frame 13	Frame 14	Frame 15	Frame 16
Frame 17	Frame 18	Frame 19	Frame 20