Bio-Poem

PURPOSE: To introduce yourself to your small group

AUDIENCE: The students in your small group

GENRE: Poetry, free form (no rhyming here)

EVALUATION: Pass/Fail - If you complete the poem and share it with your small group, you will receive full credit (pass); if you are absent or do not complete the poem, you will not receive credit (fail).

Welcome to __________! I am sure most of you are wondering about me and your classmates. You might be thinking to yourselves, “Who are these people?” “Is the teacher mean or nice? Hard or easy?” “Will people like me?” Well, it is only natural that you should wonder these things, so let’s find out right now. In order to introduce yourself to me and your classmates, you will spend the next ten minutes writing a poem. “What?! A poem?!! I didn’t sign up for creative writing!!” you might be thinking. Stay calm and don’t worry. This exercise will provide the most unartistic of us with a simple formula to follow. And the best news of all is that your poem can earn you one hundred points of credit just by giving it your full effort. That’s right. You heard me. You will earn full credit if you complete the poem in the time allowed and share it with your small group. Simple enough, isn’t it? The formula is listed below, so after we look at a sample Bio-Poem, I will say, “Begin,” and all you have to do is just fill in the blanks.

Bio-Poem Formula

- Line 1: Your first name (or nickname)
- Line 2: Four traits that describe you
- Line 3: Who is most comfortable with (names of people or a group)
- Line 4: Lover of (list three things or people)
- Line 5: Who feels (three emotions)
- Line 6: Who needs (three items)
- Line 7: Who fears (three items)
- Line 8: Who gives (three items)
- Line 9: Who would like to (three items)
- Line 10: Resident of
- Line 11: Your last name