Autobiographical Poem - It’s all about you!



An autobiography is when a writer writes about his or her life. You are going to write a poem about you and your life. Really, you can approach this however you like. Remember the poem by Tupac we read together, “The Rose that Grew from Concrete”. We said this was an autobiography because Tupac tells us about his life and his struggles. He doesn’t do this in an ordinary simple way. He uses metaphor. He is the rose and the concrete is the environment he grew up in.

Your task is to create an autobiographical poem. You will use imagery, figurative language and figures of speech to do so. Remember, poets make their readers think about ordinary things, like life, in a different way than they expect to. That’s what I want you to do.

You do not need to capture your whole life in this poem. Focus on your childhood, where you are from, who you are now, your dreams, or anything you want. It is up to you. Dig deep and find the poet within and have fun writing your autobiographical poem. It isn’t easy to come up with a perfect poem so don’t expect to finish this quickly. Don’t just simply write about your life; **show** me a specific part of it. This takes work and probably a few drafts. We will have time in class to work on this.

**Expectations:**

* Your poem should be 20 lines minimum
* Your good copy will be typed or printed on white paper
* You will use a minimum of 4 poetic techniques/figures of speech (alliteration, assonance, consonance, onomatoepia, simile, metaphor, personification)