

Middle Grades Musings

The following poem is a compilation of individual poems written by candidates in Campbell University's Teaching in the Middle course (EDUC 365).

In an I AM Poem, sentence starters are given, and students fill in each line with phrases to show an understanding of the subject. This poetry structure can be used with any content with just a few tweaks to the sentence starters.

Campbell Middle Grades Candidates composed this poem after sitting with young adolescents for a 30 minute interview as the culminating experience in their study of young adolescent development.

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Dedicated to all the young adolescents sitting in your classrooms & schools today

I AM A YOUNG ADOLESCENT

I am different, funny, awkward & social.

I wonder how what I'm learning in school is relevant to me.

I hear silence around me, even in the loudness of the cafeteria.

I see goals I want to achieve.

I want to fit in.

I am different, funny, awkward & social.

I pretend that I know what I am doing and that I am not overwhelmed.

I feel tired because I don't get enough sleep.

I worry about my image and what everyone thinks about me.

I hope I do well in school.

I am different, funny, awkward & social.

I am a young adolescent.