

NAME: _____

HOUR: _____

"I AM" Poem

*(Immigrant - preferably
your ancestry)*

After you are done reading the selection you need to put yourself in the position of one of the people you read about. On the back of this sheet finish the poem.

I am (two characteristics you have)
I wonder (something you're curious about)
I hear (an imaginary sound)
I see (an imaginary sight)
I want (a desire)
I am (the first line of the poem repeated)

I pretend (something you pretend)
I feel (a feeling something imaginary)
I touch (an imaginary touch)
I worry (something that bothers you)
I cry (something that saddens you)
I am (the first line of the poem)

I understand (something you know is true)
I say (something you believe in)
I dream (something you believe in)
I try (something you really make an effort about)
I hope (something you hope for)
I am (the first line of the poem repeated)

Off Topic Examples

Science Example

I am a dormant volcano
I wonder when my time will come
I hear a rumbling beneath the earth's surface
I see the clouds out of my vast crater
I want to explode!
I am a dormant volcano

I pretend I could shoot lava out of the earth
I feel the heat beneath me
I touch the land all around
I worry I will never breathe fire
I cry because I want to breathe fire
I am a dormant volcano

I understand that it has been hundreds of years
I say, come on magma, join me
I dream that I will fill the earth
I try to explode
I hope I can someday feel again
I am a dormant volcano

Social Studies Example

I am a wealthy Pompeii villager
I wonder what the future of this great city holds
I hear an explosion
I see pumice, ash and panic
I want to escape this catastrophe
I am a wealthy Pompeii villager

I pretend I have a secure future
I feel sad that I may not be remembered
I touch the freshly painted frescoes
I worry that no one will ever see them
I cry for the children
I am a wealthy Pompeii villager

I understand that our city will vanish
I say: We must run!
I dream that one day, we'll be found
I try to think about the good times
I hope that some will escape
I am a wealthy Pompeii villager