**Symbols of Me Poem**

Now that you have explored symbolism and how it is used in poetry, you will use that knowledge to create your own poem that uses symbolism to convey who YOU are. Follow the steps to create your poem.

# Step 1: Create Your Symbols

For the first step, decide on three things that symbolize you. In the boxes below, draw three different symbols that represent you and label each.

| Symbol 1 | Symbol 2 | Symbol 3 |
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# Step 2: Create Your Lines

Now that you have your symbols you will begin to turn them into lines of poetry. This is a free verse poem, so it doesn't need to rhyme or follow grammar rules.

For each symbol, write a line that does the following:

* states what the symbol is;
* describes the symbol (what it looks like, sounds like, feels like, etc.);
* conveys how it symbolizes you.

**Example**: “I am a bright yellow sunflower, turning toward the light, growing taller with each new day.”

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| **Symbol** | **Line** |
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# Step 3: Compose Your Poem

Arrange your lines into a short poem. You can change the wording and arrange the lines however you want. You can even add to it. The point of this short poem is to show other people who you are through your lines and symbols. Be sure to give it a good title, too!

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| **Title:** |
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