



I AM DANNY

I am a dog.
 I am furry.
 I am a helper.
 I am a painter.
 I am a fast runner.
 I am good at playing games.
 I am always hungry for cheese.
 I am gentle.
 I am a friend.
 I am Danny.

A **Bio Poem** is a simple poem written about yourself or someone else. An **I Am Poem** is an example of a Bio Poem. Cut out Danny's **I Am Danny** poem and glue it into your *Poetry Notebook*. Then, write an **I Am Poem** of your own.

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SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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Draw a blue square ■ on each day that you read a poem or a book.

Draw a red triangle ▲ on each day that you wrote something.

Draw a yellow circle ● on each day that you drew a picture.

I AM POEM

An **I Am Poem** is a simple poem written about yourself, someone else, or something else (like a character in a book or an object in nature). An **I Am Poem** is a type of personal poem that can introduce students to poetry while encouraging self-reflection. It is also a great way to allow students to share a little bit about themselves at the beginning of the school year.

How to write your own **I Am Poem**:

1. Use the templates on the following page to brainstorm ideas for your **I Am Poem**. Fill in the blanks with statements that are true. The statements can be adjectives, feelings, or any other descriptive words. If you want, draw a small picture in the space beside each statement.
2. Select your favorite lines and/or drawings to include in your poem. An **I Am Poem** typically has 10 lines, but the length of your poem is up to you. Decide the order, number, and flow of your **I Am** statements - this is called editing. Write your finished poem on the right side of this piece of paper. Cut out your **I Am Poem** and glue it into your *Poetry Notebook*.
3. What else can you do with your poem?
 - Illustrate your poem.
 - Create your own book. Read *I Am Danny* for inspiration.
 - Create a classroom book with each student's **I Am Poem**.
 - Turn your poem into a **Who Am I?** or **What Am I?** guessing game. Have somebody else read your poem out loud, and instead of revealing the last line, change it to **Who Am I?** Let the listeners guess.
 - At the end of the school year, write a new **I Am Poem**. Compare the two poems to reflect on ways you've stayed the same and ways that you've changed.
 - Share your poem with us! Share your poem on our Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages at [@MaryRuthBooks](#) or by email to admin@maryruthbooks.com. We can't wait to see what you create!

How do I make my own *Poetry Notebook*?

You can make your own *Poetry Notebook* out of any lined or unlined notebook. We used one of **Danny's Journals** as a place to keep our poetry. Decorate the front cover to personalize your *Poetry Notebook*, then fill it with Danny's poems, your poetry practice, and your finished poetry throughout the year.

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I am _____.

I hear _____.

I see _____.

I want _____.

I feel _____.

I wonder _____.

I pretend _____.

I try _____.

I hope _____.

I like _____.

I understand _____.

I say _____.

I eat _____.

I love _____.

I dream _____.