

# Student Handout — How to Write a Bio Poem

Biographical poems (also called bio poems) explain characteristics and details about a person's life that uses a predictable pattern. In this assignment you will choose a character from Lisa of Willesden Lane to create a bio poem from the character's point of view. To begin use the Planning page with the 8 boxes to brainstorm ideas about the character. Next, take your ideas from your planning page to create a poem using the Bio Poem template. A sample is provided below.

## Bio Poem Planning

Character \_\_\_\_\_

Adjectives that Describe the Character	Lover of...
Who wonders...	Who dreamed of...
Who is able to...	Who discovered...
Who made a difference by...	Who...

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## Bio Poem Template

Name \_\_\_\_\_

(Line 1) First name of character \_\_\_\_\_

(Line 2) 3 or 4 adjectives that describe the character \_\_\_\_\_

(Line 3) Lover of \_\_\_\_\_

(Line 4) Who wonders \_\_\_\_\_

(Line 5) Who dreamed \_\_\_\_\_

(Line 6) Who is able to \_\_\_\_\_

(Line 7) Who discovered \_\_\_\_\_

(Line 8) Who made a difference by \_\_\_\_\_

(Line 9) Who \_\_\_\_\_

(Line 10) Last name of character \_\_\_\_\_

## Sample Bio Poem

Lisa

Brave, talented, determined

Lover of Beethoven, her family, playing piano,

Who wonders if she will ever see her family again

Who dreamed of becoming a concert pianist

Who is able to keep her promise to her mother and make music her best friend

Who discovered even a young refugee girl like her could be accepted into the Royal Academy

Who made a difference by showing others you can achieve your dreams

Who helped entertain and bring others together through music.

Jura