

# The Important Thing About...

## Directions:

1. Choose a person, place, issue, or event to write about and write a free verse poem on one of the slides.
2. Replace the red text with your words and remember to fill in your name as author.

The important thing about (name of person, place, thing, event)  
is (describe an important quality)

By (your name)

- He/she/it is also (what else is special about \_\_\_\_?)
- And (describe another quality)
- And (describe another quality)
- And (describe one more positive quality if you can)
  
- But the most important thing about (name) is  
(repeat what you said in line one, but in another, stronger way – why is this the most important?)
- Don't forget to illustrate your poem!

# General Directions (Source: Karin Hess. (2009). *Image & Write Poetry*)

## ***THE IMPORTANT THING ABOUT...***

This formula is great to use when writing about another person. I've also used it to write about holidays (e.g. Thanksgiving), abstract concepts (e.g. Democracy, Faith, etc.), book characters, and famous people and events. It can even serve as an outline for a longer essay.

Line #1: The important thing about     (name)     is     (most striking attribute)    .

Line #2: He/she is also     (list other attributes)    

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Last Line: But the most important thing about     (name)     is     (repeat what was said in line #1 or say the same thing in another way.)

## Some Options for using this writing activity

- Create a Google slide deck with each student having a page. Another student writes a free verse poem about a peer, creating a class friendship booklet or Class Valentine.
- Create a free verse poem or use rhyming couplets
- Students interview a peer or parent about likes and dislikes and then write about the person and share.
- Create a short book, putting one line/page with illustrations or cut out images on each page.
- Write bio poems about famous people.