

“When You Tell My Story” Poem

Assignment: Write a poem using details from your own life. Use some of the hooks from the sample poems as you write yours. Use specific details and proper nouns from your own life. Also use imagery in your descriptions.

The Process:

1. Read “When You Tell My Story” by Lorna Fast Buffalo Horse
2. Read the student model poems
3. Listen to Ben Payne’s poem “Shatter the Lies”
4. Brainstorm ways you want to be remembered
5. Write and submit your poem

Grading Criteria:

- Your poems must be 20 lines long
- The poem should include information about how you want to be remembered
- The poem should include specific details and proper nouns
- The poem should include imagery and sensory details

Total points: 25