

# Brainstorm Activity

Use 826LA's "I Am" poem template.  
Fill out as your villain character to  
get in their mindset and background  
as a character to practice perspective.

"I Am" character brainstorm template

Example student poem from  
826LA's "I Am" template.



**Answer the following questions about your villain. Then, use your answers to fill in the blanks of the origin story for your original character.**

### **Origin**

What is your character's name?

Describe your character. What is it?

Where does your character live?

### **Personality**

What was your character like as a baby before they became a villain?

What makes your character ANGRY?

What makes your character HAPPY?

### **Goals**

What does your character want more than anything in the world?

Why does your character want this?

How does this goal make your character known as a villain?

**Bring your villain characters to life by crafting an I AM Poem from their point of view:**

I am \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
(PLACE OF BIRTH) (SPECIES, FAMILY, IDENTITY)

From \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(DESCRIPTION OF CHARACTER'S NEIGHBORHOOD OR COMMUNITY)

I am the \_\_\_\_\_  
(A SPECIFIC PLACE OR ITEM FROM THE CHARACTER'S UPBRINGING)

I am \_\_\_\_\_  
(A VIVID DETAIL ABOUT THE CHARACTER'S HOME - A SMELL, TASTE, FEELING, SOUND OR SIGHT)

I am \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
(IMPORTANT ITEMS FROM THE CHARACTER'S CHILDHOOD)

From \_\_\_\_\_  
(FAMILY TRADITION OR TRAIT)

I am " \_\_\_\_\_ "  
(SOMETHING YOUR CHARACTER WAS TOLD AS A CHILD)

From " \_\_\_\_\_ "  
(A SONG OR SAYING YOUR CHARACTER LEARNED AS A CHILD)

I am \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
(FAVORITE FOOD) (FAMILY FOOD)

I am \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
(DESCRIPTIONS OF FAMILY MEMENTOS, PICTURES OR TREASURES)

I am \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(END BY FINISHING THIS THOUGHT REFLECTING BACK ON WHAT YOU'VE ALREADY WRITTEN OR BY REPEATING  
YOUR FAVORITE LINE FROM EARLIER IN THE POEM)

## Character Sketch

Consider how you will use your character's design to express her or his emotions, personality and story!

### Consider:

Body Shape  
Facial features  
Clothing  
Hair  
Posture  
Color scheme

### Tips to keep in mind:

Exaggerate  
Organic vs. Geometric shapes  
Origin Story

