

AN EXERCISE IN CHARACTER POETRY

Directions: Choose one of the characters from one of the pieces in this unit thus far and create a character poem about that character. To do so, you must complete the following “I” statements as if you were that character from the literary work. Please write your poem on the provided sheet of paper. See model below for additional clarification.

STANZA 1:

I am (two special characteristics)
I wonder (something you are actually curious about)
I hear (an imaginary sound)
I see (an imaginary sight)
I want (an actual desire)
I am (the first line of the poem restated)

STANZA 2:

I pretend (something you pretend to do)
I feel (a feeling about something imaginary)
I touch (an imaginary touch)
I worry (something that really bothers you)
I cry (something that makes you very sad)
I am (the first line of the poem repeated)

STANZA 3:

I understand (something you know is true)
I say (something you believe in)
I dream (something you actually dream about)
I try (something you make an effort to do)
I hope (something you actually hope for)
I am (the first line of the poem repeated)

CHARACTER: Sherlock Holmes

I am sharp and relentless
I wonder about the motives of masterminds
I hear the echo of guilt
I see the unseen
I want to solve the unsolvable
I am sharp and relentless

I pretend to be clueless
I feel the power of intuition
I touch the fabric of truth
I worry about the innocent
I cry at defeat
I am sharp and relentless

I understand human nature
I say push your boundaries
I dream about power
I try to perceive everything
I hope to make an impact
I am sharp and relentless



