

# Hey, You Wanna Piece of Me!?

Presenting yourself to yourself and to others



I would introduce this project to my classes during the first week of school, and they would work on it throughout the year. It is reflective and fun to do on your own whether you use paper or electronic presentations of various types. The assignments I offered to my students are listed below, and you will find specific directions and samples for most of them as you explore this project. If you want to write or draw additional pieces or prefer to omit some of my options, that's fine. Copies of this project will make fabulous gifts for adoring parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends... so keep that in mind as you work; you may want to make multiple printings. If you make an electronic project try to set it up so it can grow with you and you can easily edit and revise pieces as you wish.

**Emerson once said, "The only true gift is a portion of thyself." I agree (although I'd have said "piece of yourself.")**

## Contents and Options

1. Getting to Know You (four options of bio-poems...do as many as you wish or find other options on your own)
2. Universe of Language with mandala
3. Sun-Shadow Mandala
4. Name Bug (fun, easy, creative art if you want to try it)
5. Animal Symbolism
6. Name essay
7. Who Are They? Who Am I? I love this self-portrait project
8. Me as a Writer
9. My Reading Life
10. The Questioning Me (list poem, collage, or some other presentation of your choice)  
"Better to know some of the questions than all of the answers." James Thurber
11. Recipe for Me
12. Recipe for Relaxation
13. If I Were in Charge of the World
14. Memoir or person narrative
15. Music, art, sports, dance...and me
16. Humor (overview of your sense of humor with samples of what makes you laugh)
17. Advice you love and/or hate (list poem, collection of quotes, et al)
18. Oh Let Me Rather hyperbole poem
19. Back to the Future (Writing from old family photos)
20. My life as a line, dance, totem, coat of arms, myth, ballad, map, game (you be creative with one or more)
21. Metaphorical Me

NB (*nota bene* Note Well) If you enjoy the Temperament tests, Right brain/left brain, Modalities (visual, auditory, kinesthetic), Gregoric, Gardner Intelligences, Myers-Briggs...those types of things, find some on-line and take them. Then present and include the results in some interesting and compelling way...list poem, diagrams, web, art, charts, etc

The slide show, Intro to Learning Styles, included in this section gives an overview. The Harrell brain scan offers an example of a simple presentation of your findings. You, of course, just follow your muse of creativity.