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I Am Poetry Assignment

Assignment Summary/Directions: Who are you? Write about the people, places, and things that make you, YOU! Are you from Kalamazoo? What has made YOU different growing up? What has happened in your life to form who YOU are as a person? After reading, MY poem about who I am, brainstorm ideas for your poem. Your mission will be to create a draft of a poem with at least 15 lines.

Author's Purpose: Describe Yourself

Role: Yourself

Audience: Mrs. H and Classmates

Form: Poem (Complete sentences not needed)

Focus Correction Areas= The Three Things Mrs. Hampton Will Grade
Also known as FCAS.

FCAS:

- 1.) 15 lines
- 2.) Five Senses (Touch, Taste, Sight, Smell, Sound)
- 3.) Capitals

Steps to Assignment:

1. **Mrs. H** will introduce assignment.
2. **Mrs. H** will explain what a type 3 writing is and the setup.
3. **The class** will read Mrs. H's example poem.
4. **The class** will look at lots of examples from other people and notice how the writing is set up.
5. **You** will brainstorm ideas for your poem.
6. **You** will try to draft your poem on the type 3 paper.

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I Am
By Mrs. Hampton

I am always writing, thinking, and dreaming.
I wonder, "What is it like to walk in someone else's shoes?"
I hear the sound of my class laughing.
I see them graduating with promise,
The way I did.

I am always writing, thinking, and dreaming.
I pretend to be awake-especially when I need coffee.
I feel worried sometimes, but then I am reminded that
I touch hearts with words and books.

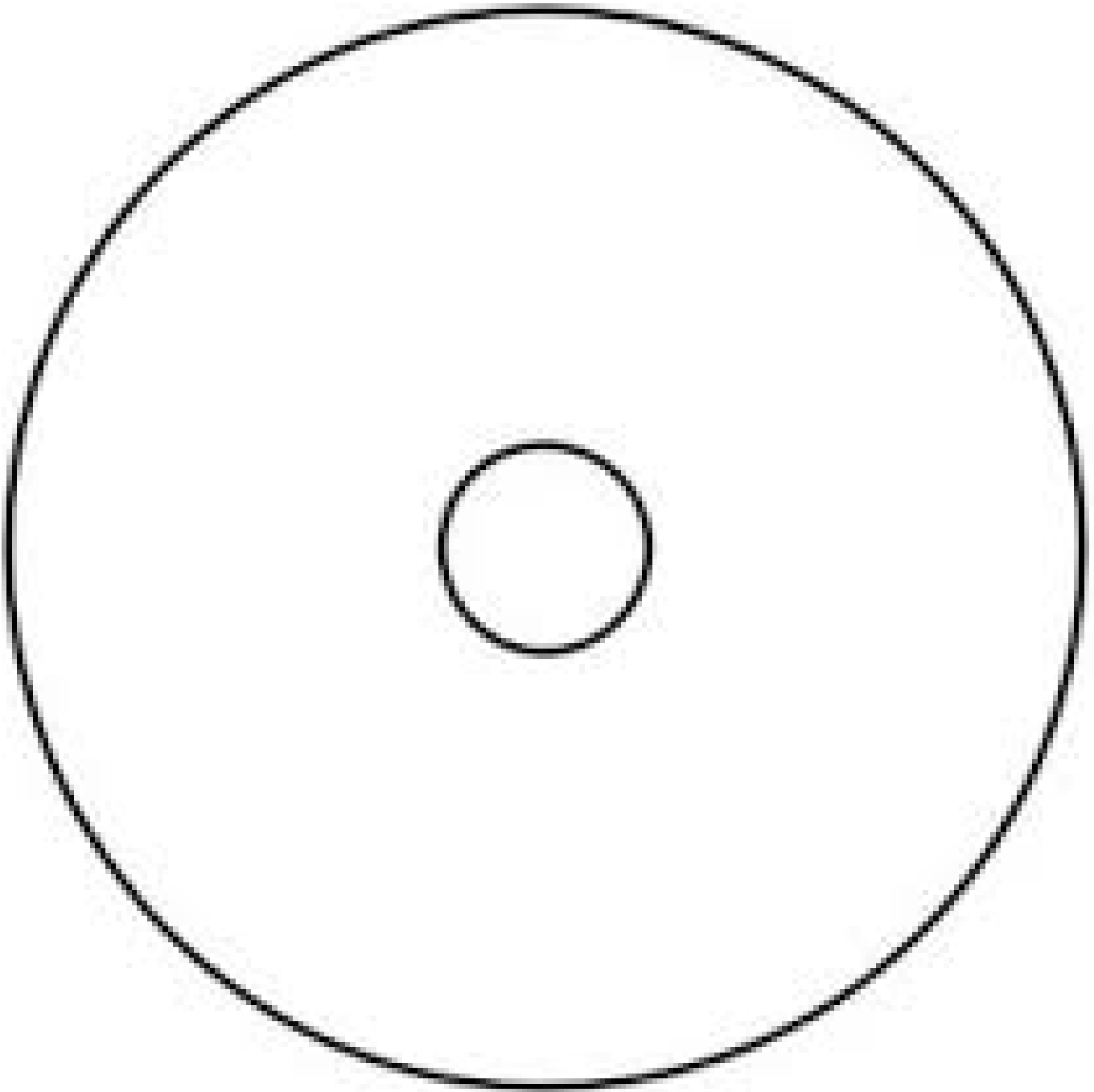
I am always writing, thinking, and dreaming.
I don't often cry-
Unless I really need to.
I understand that this doesn't make me weak
And that being human is a gift.

I am always writing, thinking, and dreaming.
I say, "Never give up" to myself and my students
Because this learning thing is hard every day for everybody.
I dream of sandy beaches in summer, but
Love the taste of plain pumpkin pie in the fall.

I try to find time to read.
I hope my students find their voice.
And that they learn to:
Write,
Think,
And dream.

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"I Am" Examples



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My Poem Brainstorm

