

ENGAGING STUDENTS IN THEIR OWN SUCCESS

• Strategy One

➤ BioPoem

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Every young person wants to be seen and heard to some degree. We must create time and space for them to safely explore their voice, give them an opportunity to stake claim to some space, no matter how temporary. If we do not they will eventually generate the distractions and facilitate the disturbances that will take our time and space... either way they will find their voice.

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APPROACHES TO EMPOWERING YOUTH SUCCESS

- Surrendering the one up relationship
- Intentionally Creating Community
- Building the Feeling House



Social and Emotional Framework

Valuable tools for self discovery

Often instills courage to resist & persist in the face of adversity

Can help youth create a framework for scaffolding actions to reach dreams



Helps students make sense of their own World

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A piece of Creative writing about or pertaining to me, my personal experience and life



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BIO POEM

Sharing

1. HASAN
2. Father of sons, champion of children, and I fight injustice
3. Others call me a leader, a dreamer, or a fool
4. What I fear most are hopelessness, hatred and losing more children to both
5. I do not believe that God only loves some, that might makes right or that the early bird always catches the worm, but
6. I do believe that enemies can be made friends, that tomorrow will be better if we act today and that all children can learn
7. I dream of more schools and fewer prisons because we have made a need,
8. I think that I am scared but courageous, foolishly hopeful and stubborn enough not to change
9. When I am gone I hope someone can say of me; he gave me hope, he never gave up, can you believe he said that to the president?!
10. I am a resident of the world I dream for my children
11. DAVIS

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Sharing-participants sharing is encouraged but not required.

Debrief –what we know about ourselves we have the ability to change. Too often we go through life unaware of what we are running from or what we are running towards

Repetition-can be used at regular intervals to assess shifts in student thinking and self perception

Variables-once the process is “normalized” may substitute different variables allowing student and coach to move to other goals and areas of attention in students development.



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Variation

Once your group has an established norm with bio Poems it is possible to change the variables so that you can begin to gain other useful information and better direct professional support and interaction.

Here are some great examples

- #Things you Want others to know about you
- #Words you never want used to describe you again
- #People you look up to
- #People you would like to talk to
- #Things you have done that you never thought you could do
- #People you are willing to trust to help you realize your dreams
- #Things you think others would be surprised to know about you
- # Things you need to be happy
- #Mistakes you would like to take back
- #People you would like to apologize to
- # modern Heroes you would like to meet
- #Stories that have inspired you
- #People you would like to/need to Earn forgiveness from
- Meet