# My Dream Is- Week #10

**Day 2:** Step 1. Complete the graphic organizer below to help you develop your own “My Dream Is” poem.

**Step 2.** Use Jason Reynolds’s poem “Your Dream Is” as a model to write your own “My Dream Is” poem, in which you ask yourself the same types of questions—but about **YOURSELF**. Write your poem on your own piece of paper. You may decorate your poem and/or add images and symbols. Be sure to include **things that are important to you!** Your title should be, “My Dream Is” because your poem is written in **FIRST PERSON**!

## MY UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS

In the first stanza of “Your Dream Is,” Reynolds lists three small physical characteristics that someone might have that make him or her unique: a mole behind the ear, a chipped front tooth, and freckles. In the box below, list some of your own unique physical characteristics. **At least 3 traits.**

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<th>MY UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS</th>
<th>My DREAMS</th>
<th>WHAT MAKES ME GREAT</th>
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<td>In his poem, Reynolds does not reveal the dream of the person he’s addressing. But reading a poem called “Your Dream Is” and writing one called “My Dream Is” might make you think about your dreams. In the space below, jot down what your dream is or what your dreams are. You might not put this information into your poem, but it will be helpful to think about as you prepare to write.</td>
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<td>Think about how the ideas in the last stanza of Reynolds’s poem—the things he says make you great—apply to you in particular. Give at least one example of . . .</td>
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1. **a time you showed “courage in trying”**

2. **a time you felt passion in living or something you are passionate about**

3. **something beautiful that happens around you that you appreciate**

Do you have any ideas different from what Reynolds writes in “Your Dream Is” about what makes you great? List them below.
## TIPS FOR WHEN YOU WRITE YOUR POEM

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<td>Use “Your Dream Is” as a model, but . . . • 1. Write in first person. 2. Replace the three traits Reynolds lists with three traits that you have. <strong>Here’s an example:</strong> My dream is the birthmark on the back of my neck, my long second toes, my greenish-blue eyes.</td>
<td>One option is to copy the second stanza of Reynolds’s poem but change the point of view from second person to first person. Or you could go in a different direction if you have another idea. <em>First person is from YOUR point of view. Include the pronouns: I, me, my, mine</em></td>
<td>One thing you could do here is to use three of the ideas you wrote in the chart above, giving an example of a time you showed courage in trying, a time you felt passion in living, and something beautiful that happens around you that you appreciate. Again, be sure to write in first person. <strong>But here’s the thing—this is your poem. You don’t have to follow the structure of Jason Reynolds’s poem so closely if you have other ideas. Just make sure you use the last stanza to express what you think makes you great.</strong></td>
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### Day 3: Vision Board

**Directions:** On a separate sheet of paper, you are going to create a vision board. A vision board is a collage of images, pictures and affirmations of your dreams and all of the things that make you happy. It can also be called a dream board or vision map. (See example below)

You must include on your board:
- **Title (Your Name)**
- **Pictures** (these must represent, you, your family, or your dreams and goals— you may cut them out of a magazine or bring in actual pictures or draw them.)
- **A Quote** (Something inspirational that is meaningful to you or to your life)
- **One goal for Next School Year (2020-2021)**
- **Something of your choice from the “Vision Board Idea List”**

### Vision Board List

- What do I want to learn next year?
- What makes me smile?
- What is a “crazy” fun thing I like to do?
- What can I do to make someone else happy?
- How do I spend time with my family and friends?