THE STORY OF MY NAME

Summary of Activity
Your name is a powerful reminder to the world of who you are. During this activity you will determine the origins of your name. You will also find out about the origins of your friends and loved one’s names. By the end of this activity you will create a short ACROSTIC poem about the story of your name.

Objectives
Students will....

- Be able to identify the origin of their name
- Express their feelings about their name
- Hear stories from loved ones about their name(s)
- Create and write an ACROSTIC Poem about the story of their name

Resources and Materials
- Paper
- Pencil or Pen
- Questions Handout
  - What is the story of your name?
  - What does your name mean?
  - Do you think you fit the characteristics of your name?
  - How did you get your name? Who named you?
  - How do you feel about your name?
  - If you could change your name what would you change it to?

Instructions
Step 1: Take 3 minutes to answer the following questions by yourself

- What is the story of your name?
- What does your name mean?
- Do you think you fit the characteristics of your name?
- How did you get your name? Who named you?
- How do you feel about your name?
- If you could change your name what would you change it to?
Step 3: Share your responses with someone else at home. The order in which you respond will be determined by age. The youngest person in the room will begin the conversation or the eldest person in the room may begin the conversation.

Step 4: Once the first person has had an opportunity to answer the questions move to the next person in the room.

Step 5: Create an ACROSTIC Poem about the story of your name. Your poem does not have to rhyme. Please see the example below:

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<td><strong>M</strong></td>
<td>My godmother gave me the name Mary</td>
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<td><strong>A</strong></td>
<td>Amazing story about a young woman who faced many challenges but was able to fulfill her destiny</td>
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<td><strong>R</strong></td>
<td>Realized that I have the same qualities and characteristics</td>
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<td><strong>Y</strong></td>
<td>Young and ready to be fearless on my journey ahead</td>
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