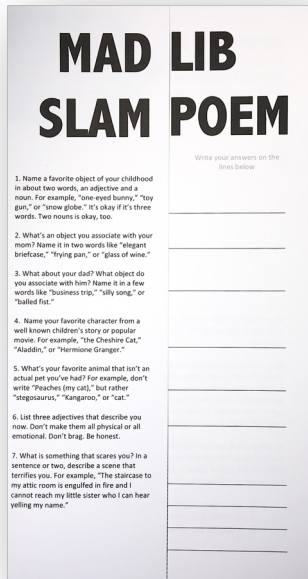


BEFORE YOU DO ANYTHING ELSE

flip this piece of paper over and fold it as directed in the shaded area at the top. When you're done, you should end up with something that looks like this on the other side:



When you're ready to start, flip this piece of paper back over but don't unfold it or read what's written beneath the fold (no peeking!).

Answer the seven questions asked after giving each some thought; most of the questions just require a couple words, often just an adjective and a noun. The last question asks you to describe something that scares you so take a little more time with that one. For example, don't just write "zombies."

At some point, you will be asked to unfold the paper and follow further directions hidden beneath the fold. Towards the end of class, it will be a good idea to remember my three rules of public speaking:

1. LOUDER but somehow still natural
2. SLOWER but somehow still natural
3. CLEARER but somehow still natural

MAD SLAM

1. Name a favorite object of your childhood in about two words, an adjective and a noun. For example, "one-eyed bunny," "toy gun," or "snow globe from Boston." It's okay if it's three or four words. But make sure it's a singular *thing*. Not plural.

2. What's an object you associate with your mom? Name it in two words like "elegant briefcase," "red apron," or "glass of wine." Don't list her job, name an object associated with her job that reminds you of her.

3. What about your dad? What *thing* do you associate with him? Name it in a few words like "business class boarding pass," "old tee shirt," or "can of cashews." Name a physical, concrete thing, not an abstract concept.

4. Name your favorite character from a well known children's story or popular movie. For example, "the Cheshire Cat," "Aladdin," or "Hermione Granger."

5. What's your favorite animal that isn't an actual pet you've had? For example, don't write "Peaches (my cat)," but rather "stegosaurus," "Kangaroo," or "cat."

6. List three adjectives or phrases that describe you now. Don't make them all physical or all emotional. Don't brag. Be honest. What are you like now?

7. What is something that scares you? In a sentence or two, describe a scene that terrifies you. For example, "The staircase to my attic room is engulfed in fire and I cannot reach my little sister who I can hear yelling my name."

