Found Poems
Let’s begin WRITE away…

1. Something no one knows about me is...and I want them to know because...

2. One thing I want everyone to know about me is...and I want them to know this because...

3. My talent is...and it is unique because...

4. My hope is...because...

5. My fear is...because...

6. A mistake I have made is...and I want to tell my side of the story because...

7. My friends think that I am...and that makes me feel...because...

8. The word I would use to describe me the most is...because...

9. A misconception about me is...because...and the real facts are...
What do you have now?

The word I would use to describe me the most is independent because I have always wanted and needed to do things for myself. As a child, I would dig my heals in the ground and do what I WANTED TO DO. This drove my mom crazy and to this day, I still don't know how she kept her sanity. I was not trying to be defiant, but just trying to prove that I can do anything. Growing up, I remember thinking that the world was mine and all I had to do was choose what I wanted to do, and I would make it happen. That was a very free feeling, but in some ways, I now think it was also very self-centered. Why didn't I ask, what did the world want me to do? What gift or talent or contribution could I give back to the world? Some how, I did realize that there was more to life than what I wanted. I wanted to make a difference, no matter how small, and inspire others to change the world for the BETTER. Pass on their own talents and gifts to make the world a better place. Give others the feeling of independence to create a better world than what was given to them. That is the real reason I am a teacher. My goal as a teacher is not to teach students how to read or write or how to research and cite. The ultimate truth is that when students leave my classroom or lesson, is that they are inspired enough to improve themselves. To give them the gift of independence and confidence to make a difference as well. To walk in to the world knowing how to learn for themselves, to grow into better people, and to pass the gift of independences on to others.
Turn your paragraph into a poem

1. Begin with a theme. What do you want to say about yourself?
2. Start with the first sentence and pull out the key words or phrases.
3. Add or change any thing to make it more sense.
For example

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For example

As a child, I would dig my heals in the ground and do what I WANTED TO DO.

Independent, wanted, needed
Dig my heals in the ground
Do what I WANTED
For example

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Independent, wanted, needed
Dig my heals in the ground
Do what I WANTED
Crazy, sanity
A Gift

Independent, wanted, needed
Dig my heals in the ground
Do what I WANT
Crazy, sanity
Defiance—prove I can do anything
World is mine, choose what to make happen
Free feeling, or self-centered
What does the world want me to do?

Gift, talent, contribution
I need to give back
More to life
Make a difference

More than what I want
Inspire others
Change the world
BETTER
Pass on talents
Gifts to the world
A better place
Independence
Create a better world
Teach
Inspire
Improve yourself
Independence is a gift
Confidence is a gift
Make a difference
Walk in the world
Grow better

Pass on the gift to others.
Your Turn!

1. Watch the video.
2. Begin with a theme. What do you want to say about yourself?
3. Browse magazines, newspapers, and more for words and phrases.
4. Arrange and rearrange and add punctuation for meaning.
5. Have fun!
Now what?

1. Revise a poem: list, bio, theme paragraph or found poem.
2. Turn in a final copy on Wednesday, November 13.
3. Meet again on Monday, November 25 to submit poem and or artwork to Elementia and ABMS Literary Magazine.