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BIOPOEMS

Yemi

Is: amazing, beautiful, intelligent, phenomenal

Daughter of: Saqashus Levingston

Lover of: Richard Harding, Carol Larry, and Winnie Ledbetter

Who feels: amazing when accomplishing, successful when failing, and

powerful when people doubt

Who gives: love, empathy, and strength Who fears: success with no failure

Would like to see: my brothers and sisters succeed beside me **Who lives**: in a predominately white neighborhood, but still

dominates **Harding**



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Fernando

Is: nice, grateful, proud, peaceful

Lover of: a young supportive mother, father, and brother

Who feels: love, proud, joyful

Who gives: joy, peace, entertainment Who fears: zero, nothing, failing in life

Who would like to see: a bright future, peace, happiness

Who lives: a joyful life

Cachua



Is: kind

Sibling of: Claudio

Lover of: my mom, my grandpa, and God

Who feels: important
Who gives: joy and peace

Who fears: dark, heights, bombs Who would like to see: Mt. Rushmore

Who lives: in a world where God will come and make heaven and earth a happy place

Uriostegui





Denaria

Is: talented, passionate, visionary, dreamer **Daughter of**: Alicia Rowe and Tosumba Welch

Lover of: my family, singing, poetry **Who feels:** important, loved, cared for **Who gives:** leadership, encouragement, love

Who fears: that I'm not ready for the world, that there is a voice I'm unable

to let out

Who would like to see: change in this world and change in the society Who lives: who just came from Dubuque, IA and is now in Madison, WI

Rowe



Jaquez

Is: smart, grateful, ready, prepared

Son of: Catina McAlister

Lover of: mom, grandma, brothers/sisters

Who gives: love, care, laughs

Who fears: failing, dying before my mom, heights Who would like to see: NFL, money, success

Who lives: in Madison

McAlister

My name is Dianna.

I am 15 and still cuddle with my sister before bed.

Technically, my last name is Murray,

but since my mom has raised me, I feel like a Levingston.

I have minor fears like spiders,

but major fears like not being enough and succeeding enough.

English is not my best subject,

but I can solve an algebra problem in a blink of an eye.

Like Beyoncé said, "I leave something to remember, so they won't forget I was here."

Before I go back home, everyone will know who Dianna Murray was.

Because I will either run for president in 2035 and become the first female president or I will close the achievement gap by a lot by trying my best to eliminate racial institutional barriers in 2035.





I am Claudio.

I am artistic, creative, kind, and very energetic.

The son of God and Nissa, the eldest boy, brother of three.

Lover of God, wolves, and pizza.

Feeler of joy, sadness, and madness.

One who gives jokes, art, and gifts.

And fears the horrors of the world: bombs, nukes, and the men in planes

dropping all these rockets on our heads.

I live in the little American dairy land.





Santana

Is: athletic, smart, fun, cheering

Sibling of: Neisha, Daizhuan, Tyrrel, Ethan, Mimi, Emoni, Armoni

Lover of: football, basketball, family, reading

Who feels: happy when family members come over

Who gives: family, friends, teacher

Who fears: nobody

Who would like to see: Marshaun Lynch, Grand Canyon, wolves

Who lives: 909 North Pine Street

James



CREATION MYTHS

I was a little coffee bean. I was picked when I was just right, and I was given my purpose. I was crushed and grinded to be in my mom's coffee. When she drank me, I was planted inside of her. It was destiny that I was the coffee bean that made it to her. I was planted to help other coffee and toffee beans grow. Depending on how you prefer me, I can be bitter or sweet. (Dianna Murray)

Problem: I want to bring love to the world.

Santana: If I bring love to the world, love will come to you and everyone is happy. God was my creator. I was made out of water. With his hand he sculpted me and used water to make me stick together. He gave everything I needed to bring love to the world, and he gave me a big heart, warmth, love, affection, and care. (Santana James)

I was made to become successful in life to show a good example to my children. I was made to work hard and to stay strong like a bear, never giving up. Always climbing to the top of the mountains. No matter how hard the obstacles hit you in life. (Fernando Cachua)





Sticks and stones hurt, words can never hurt. Whip nae nae. Dance. Sing. I was born happy.

(Aiah'Neanna Thomas)

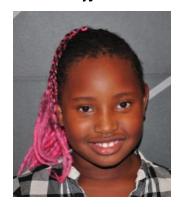
I was made from the blue in the sky, the colors of the rainbow, and the mist of the ocean. I was sent to this earth to preach not out loud, but in my writing, to assist, heal, and recover others who are wounded. To help and to save the souls out there. My goal on this earth is to help and encourage, not with my mouth, but with a pencil and paper. (Jocelyn Moore)





ODYSSEY EXPLORERS

Nyjua



I like to fight for justice and peace but I laugh too. I want to be a singer and a dancer.

I like nail polish and favorite color is aqua, green, pink, red, and purple.

I like that I'm pretty, like to draw and color. People say I look like Nikki Minaj.

Roselyn



My name means Roses, I'm
From Mexico, I have a lot of Cousins.
My favorite color is purple, I have two brothers.
My hobbies are playing football,
Writing, reading, chapter books.
My hobbies are drawing, hiking,
and I want to be a football player.

Brysen



I had a great day at school and I ate hotdogs. My favorite subject is P.E. I like math and spelling. I like football it is really fun. I like Christmas with my family.

Evan

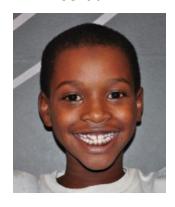
Evan
I don't like when people
mess up my name
Sometimes, people call me Ivan,
but my name is Evan.



Pizza
My mom picks out the right pizza
for everybody in the family
For my dad, my mom, my sister
and me.

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Jordan



Jordan is an artist.
Jordan likes to draw.
Jordan enjoys many colors.
Jordan is the tallest in his class.
Jordan likes fried chicken.

Ryland



Back and Forth

I go back and forth from Chicago to Madison and back to Chicago again to my mom's house and dad's house and back to mom's house. Sometimes I go in a bus and sometimes in a car.

Lanagsha

Lanagsha goes shopping. every single day. Lanagsha's Mom takes her. When she is good In school. Lanagsha goes to Odyssey her cousin comes too. Lanagsha's Mom prays over her when she sleeps. Lanagsha's Mom bought her shoes and put powder in them.



Anna

What Anna Likes in the World

donuts, books, Odyssey, desserts, green, white, brown, colors, hearts, hair, tan skin, puffy hair, tall, awesome, happy, Summer, fall, Spring, winter, Kayrah, Tanajha, and My favorite cousin is Trinity.



Javon

I like soccer
tv
games
Blue
pizza
track
writing stories
math
science
sleeping
exploding potions
and most of all I like
Me!



Kamya

I love and I like

I love my dog Zena I like dogs. I love my Mom I like math. I love writing. I like clothes.

I love my Dad, Grandma and Grandpa, and my cousins.

I like my hair.



Jahnila

Who is: fun, funny, cool Sibling of: Qu'Anna Caffey

Lover of: Tenishia Bland, Annette, Dorothy (mom, family, grandma) **Who fears**: ghosts, mice, rats,

spiders, dark dolls

Who needs: family, mom, clothes,

friends, books, homework

Who feels: happy, hope, grateful,

love, life, family

Who would like to see: famous

people, different cities **Resident of**: Madison, WI



I love fashion I like to shop I love shoes Love getting my hair done I love my family my favorite color is blue my favorite cousin is Yasmyn I have 11 brothers and sisters all together Fan of Badgers smart kid Love lipstick I go to Olson Love Pink **Love Cupcakes** I'm 10 years old my birthday is May 7. Big fan of Jordans nike basketball love MK Gucci Louis Vuitton DB.

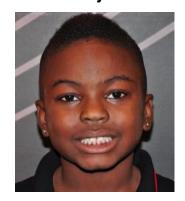
Alleanah



I'm Special Because

I'm special because
I love to draw and bake
I am creative
My favorite food to bake
is chocolate chips.
I'm special because
I love math, reading and science
I get to learn and that is why
I am so special.

Elijah



I like school
I love math
I like football
I love ice cream
I like gum
I like GTA5 and 2K15
I like to run
I like to have fun
I like to play
I love cool days and hot days
I like to swim

Alan

I like to go fishing with my dad. and we catch a lot of fish. We usally go in the summer on Saturday and Sunday morning. I like fishing because when we get home we usually eat them.

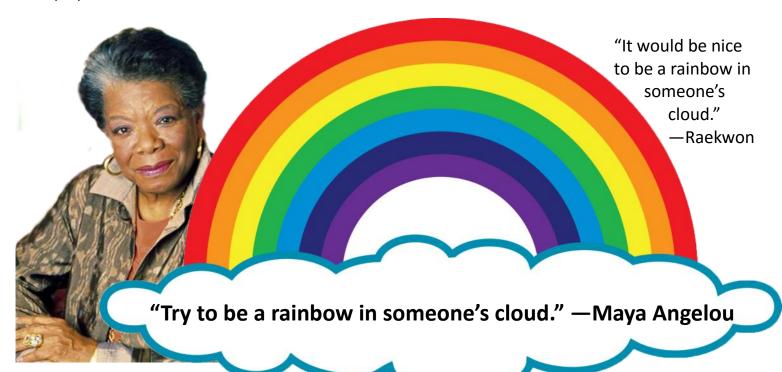


Jerry

I am smart not lazy creative not bullying.
I read comics, write, and bike.
I do not like revenge or hurting anyone.
I love my family and sports.
I do not even hurt others when they hurt me.
Poet Fabu says "I'm a fantastic boy."









I can be a rainbow in someone's cloud when I:

. . . make my Daddy happy by smiling. —Kimauriah

... make a sandcastle for them. —Julius

... smile and make my Mom happy. —Harmony

. . . when I am nice and happy to my Mom and Dad. —RJ

... when I try to be nice. I can try to be good when my parents aren't home and be an ally, be safe. BE the BEST I can be. —Brooklyn







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