## **Drafting Our Digital Biographies**

## Where I'm From by George Ella Lyon

I am from clothespins, from Clorox and carbon-tetrachloride. I am from the dirt under the back porch. (Black, glistening, it tasted like beets.)
I am from the forsythia bush the Dutch elm whose long-gone limbs I remember as if they were my own.

I'm from fudge and eyeglasses,
from Imogene and Alafair.
I'm from the know-it-alls
and the pass-it-ons,
from Perk up! and Pipe down!
I'm from He restoreth my soul
with a cottonball lamb
and ten verses I can say myself.

I'm from Artemus and Billie's Branch, fried corn and strong coffee.

From the finger my grandfather lost to the auger, the eye my father shut to keep his sight.

Under my bed was a dress box spilling old pictures, a sift of lost faces to drift beneath my dreams.

I am from those moments—snapped before I budded—leaf-fall from the family tree.

"Where I'm From" Template
I am from (specific ordinary item)
from (product name) and (another product name)
I am from the (home description)
Adjectives that describes the above home description
It (tasted, sounded, looked, felt –choose one)
I am from the (plant, flower, or natural item)
(Description of natural item)
I'm from the (family tradition) and (family trait)
from (name of family member) and (name of family member)
I'm from the (description of family tendency)
and (Another family tendency)
from (something you were told as a child)
(another thing you were told as a child)
I'm from (representation of beliefs),
I'm from (place of birth and family ancestry),
(Two food items that represent your ancestry).
From the (specific family detail about a specific person)
(another detail of another family member).
(Location of family picturesYou pick the preposition)
I am from (general statement with DETAILS about who you are or where you are from)

confine yourself to just (standardized) English if you can throw down more than that!
What social justice issue(s) are you most passionate about?
What cultural issue(s) are you most passionate about?
Are you a painter, skater, graffiti artist, avid reader, dog-lover, cat-lover, AMAZING big brother, pesty lil sister, loving aunt, playful uncle, poet, MC, bboy, bgirl, stepper, singer, person with a bright smile?
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What would be your dream job/career and why?
What special groups, organizations, sports, or clubs are you part of and why? What service projects have
you been involved in and why?
Where have you lived? Which place was your favorite and why?
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After you finish answering these questions, write this out in PROSE FORM in an interesting way.