

Where I'm From Poem Drafting Guide

It is finally time to draft your own Where I'm From Poem. To make drafting easier, go back to each box on your planning sheet and put a star next to two of your favorite items.

When you write:

- ✓ Choose the most unique answer to fill in the blanks
- ✓ Add sensory details to enhance your poem
- ✓ Remember: your poetry, your rules. If something makes sense only to you, that is completely ok.
- ✓ If you are stuck, look at the student examples provided, or the original George Ella Lyon poem for inspiration.
- ✓ Stop to reread what you have written every few lines. If something doesn't flow right, or doesn't sound how you want it to, you can go back to change it!

Where I'm From

I am from _____,
a specific, ordinary item from your every day life

from _____ and _____.
product name *product name*

I am from _____.
specific description of your home or a part of your home

(_____), _____,
adjective *adjective*
_____)
sensory detail

I am from _____,
plant, flower, or natural item

personify the plant, flower, or natural item

I am from _____ and _____,
family tradition *an object that reminds you of a family member*

from _____ and _____.
family member *another family member*

I'm from the _____ and _____,
description of family trait or tendency *another description of family trait or tendency*

from _____ and _____.
something you were told as a child / family saying *something you were told as a child / family saying*

I'm from _____ and _____.
representation of religion or family tradition *another representation of religion or family tradition*

I'm from _____ and _____,
place of birth (city or town) *family ancestry*

_____ and _____.
food item your family likes or is known for *another food item your family is known for*

From the _____,
specific detail about a family member or a family story

the _____
another specific detail or story of a family member

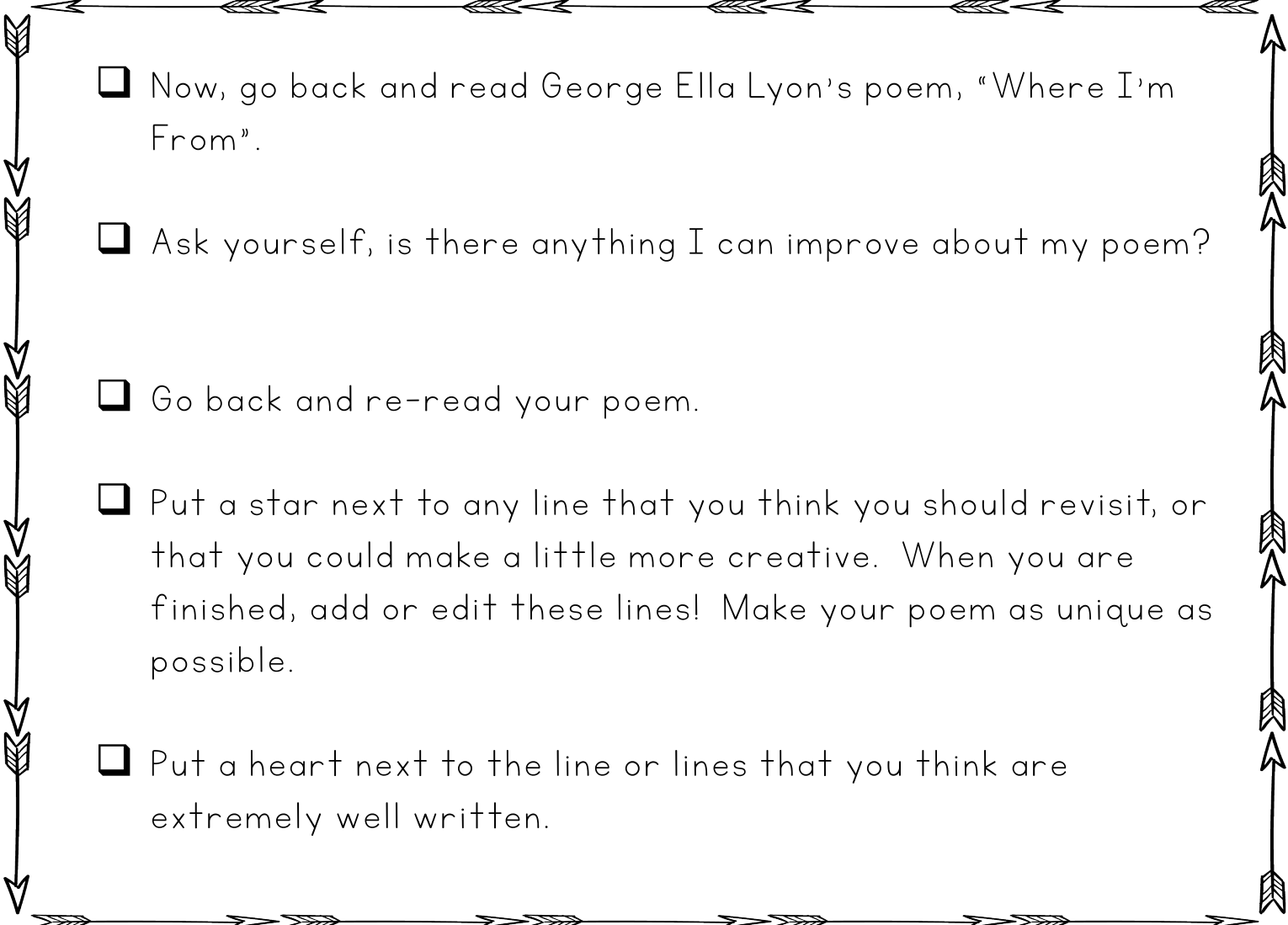
a memory that you have of an old or important object

further describe this old or important object

I am from those moments -

restate an idea from earlier in the poem, but using different words

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- ☐ Now, go back and read George Ella Lyon's poem, "Where I'm From".
 - ☐ Ask yourself, is there anything I can improve about my poem?
 - ☐ Go back and re-read your poem.
 - ☐ Put a star next to any line that you think you should revisit, or that you could make a little more creative. When you are finished, add or edit these lines! Make your poem as unique as possible.
 - ☐ Put a heart next to the line or lines that you think are extremely well written.