

Autobi doodle

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- 1.** List 30 - 40 words that describe you. Use the dictionary and/or thesaurus to find these words. If you consider yourself tall, then go to the thesaurus and find 5 more words that are synonyms for tall. Finding 30 - 40 words will go quickly because you know your personality so well. Just think how you will improve your vocabulary as you do this!
- 2.** Answer the 10 question metaphor survey that I give you as honestly as you can. Let your mind feel free. Be creative. Remember, you are not a lemming! (I will give this to you orally so you don't have time to practice your responses. I want you to think quickly and use word association.)
- 3.** Next to each answer on your metaphor survey, sketch a symbol to represent your answer. I know, I know... Some of you feel like you can't draw. If you must and if it will ease your artistic fears, trace some clip art when you need to.
- 4.** Evaluate your 10 symbols. Choose the one that you think represents you the most. (You are organizing by order of importance...) Using an eraser first and then pencil, draw that particular symbol as large as you can on a blank sheet of paper. Integrate the other 9 symbols somewhere within your art work so it creates a collage of symbols that represent your personality.
- 5.** Every solid line you drew on your rough draft should be replaced with words from your vocabulary list on your final draft. So take a blank sheet of paper and use it like tracing paper. Place your rough draft underneath it and tape it. Where you see a solid line, use your vocabulary words instead.
- 6.** Students who are the most successful with this activity use gel pens or something like them. You will find colored pencils will work, but they will need to be very sharp for crisp, clear writing. Think about your color choices to enhance your final product.

(These final projects will be publicly displayed, so make them appropriate and spell your words carefully.)

Name: _____

Period: _____

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Self Evaluation



Requirements	Y	N
# _____ words describing you		
Metaphor survey completed		
Rough draft w/ symbols		
Final draft w/ color & words		
Matted and framed		

Student grade:

Teacher grade:

1. What do you think was the purpose of this activity? _____

2. Explain how you chose the words to describe you. _____

3. Explain the significance of each graphic on your final project. _____

4. If you could change anything about your final draft, what would it be? Why? _____

5. Choose the 3 words from your list that describe you the best.

6. I am most proud of... _____

Metaphor Survey

1. If you were an animal, what would you be?
2. If you were a plant or a flower, what would you be?
3. If you were a shape, what would you be?
4. If you were a number, what would you be?
5. If you were a color, what would you be?
6. If you were a game or toy, what would you be?
7. If you were a musical instrument, what would you be?
8. If you were a season, what would you be?
9. If you were a time of the day, what would you be?
10. If you were a natural force (earth air, fire, water), what would you be?