

If I Were a Pizza—Mentor Text

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Self-Portrait

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My legs are smooth like clay.
Hair is silky like a Milky Way.
My smile is white like a cotton ball.
My hands are strong like trees.
My face is pinch-able like a peach.
My heart holds funny words.
I live in my house that has a lot of food.
I am Girod County!

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Write your answers to the questions below to help you brainstorm ideas for your self-portrait poem.

1. **Why are you proud of yourself?** Can you shoot amazing three-pointers, play stunning music on your kazoo, or grow delicious vegetables in the garden? Are you kind to others, and do you crack hilarious jokes with your friends? Think about your best skills and traits.
2. **What's your favorite physical feature?** Do you love your curly hair or your big Big Toe? Do you like that you are short enough to fit into the best spaces during hide-and-seek? Start at the top of your head and do a mental scan of your body to help you identify your favorite features of yourself.
3. **Has your neighborhood shaped you?** Have you been going to the same bodega since you were little? Do you always go to the same park after school? Think of some of the places in your life that have made you who you are—and of the people you associate with those places.
4. **What are you grateful for?** Are you thankful for your family, or your health? Take a moment to reflect with gratitude.

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Concrete poems take the shape of the poem's subject. Use this Handout to help you write a personal poem that looks like a pizza.

