***AAPI Women Voices: Untold Stories Through Poetry***

*Final Assignment: “Because” Poem*

The poem is modeled after Shirley Geok-Lin Lim’s “Learning to Love America”, focusing on the use of repetition and figurative language in poetry.

You will be writing about characteristics of your family, community, culture, or identity that are unique to you and that you want others to learn about. As you think about the subject and central idea of your poem, think about the following:

* What emotions are you trying to convey in your poem?
* What characteristics or aspects of the community are you trying to focus on in your poem?
* What are some important events in your family or community’s history?
* What traditions or practices are unique to your family, culture, or community?
* What is your concluding line to get your message across and tie the poem together?

Central idea/subject of your poem:

Title of your poem:

PEER-SHARING & FEEDBACK:

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| **PARTNER’S NAME:** | **COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:** |
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Requirements and Expectations:

* Poem has a clear central idea or subject
* Poem is at least 10 “Because” lines long
* Contains at least one simile and one metaphor
* Contains at least one example of alliteration or rhyme
* Contains at least two examples of form
* Grading will also take into account the grammar, spelling, and proper punctuation throughout the poem.
* Does not have to be typed, but must be written neatly and clearly.

*(title of poem)*

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*(What is a distinguished example of your community? See how Shirley Geok-Lin Lim talks about her life: “because I live in California I have eaten fresh artichokes and jacaranda bloom in April and May”.)*

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*(What is life like for your community? What aspects of this community’s living conditions or reality are unique and relate to the overall message you are trying to convey?)*

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*(What is an event that might relate to the previous distinguished example or to the life of your community you wrote above?)*

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*(Try to think of an image or vivid description that helps convey your message and the characteristics of your community that you are trying to emphasize.)*

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