**“I Am” Poem Assignment**

**Task:**

* To demonstrate your understanding of poetic devices and language
* You are to create a poster with an “I Am” Poem
* Write an “I Am” Poem about yourself, a character, a concept (ex. a journey), etc.
* Use figurative language in your poem (simile, metaphor, personification, imagery, etc)
* Create a title for your poem
* Create a poster which creatively displays your poem, title and imagery to reflect your poem

**Evaluation Criteria**

\*See Rubric

**Example**

**Format for an “I Am” Poem**

I am (two special characteristics)
I wonder (something you are actually curious about)
I hear (an imaginary sound)
I see (an imaginary sight)
I want (an actual desire)
I am (the first line of the poem restated)

I pretend (something you actually pretend to do)
I feel (a feeling about something imaginary)
I touch (an imaginary touch)
I worry (something that really bothers you)
I cry (something that makes you very sad)
I am (the first line of the poem repeated)

I understand (something you know is true)
I say (something you believe in)
I dream (something you actually dream about)
I try (something you really make an effort about)
I hope (something you actually hope for)
I am (the first line of the poem repeated)

**I Am**

I am sharp and focused
I wonder what the camera really sees
I hear the buzzing bee
I see flowers in early morning light
I want to stop time in a box
I am sharp and focused

I pretend to be a statue
I feel the shakes inside
I touch the shutter button
I worry about the blurry result
I cry that the moment has forever passed
I am sharp and focused

I understand moments in time
I say let's freeze them forever
I dream of watercolor effects coming to life
I try to see all the soft muted edges
I hope it happens someday
I am sharp and focused