

**YAWP
ANTHOLGY**

Session A

6 – 8th Graders

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Ms. Ginette

I Am From

Inspired by George Ella Lyons

By Sanjana

I am from the smell of fresh mangos

From Grandma's Art and Grandpa's stories.

From a tall apartment house and a nearby ice cream stand.

I am from the taste of fresh grapes at the grocery store whose sweet juice would never fail to alert me awake.

I am from the Oil pastels that stained my hands , from wet feet buried in the sand.

From my two crazy cousins who ran through the halls

From the love of sweets and the fun games we would play

From the air conditioner running on high constantly.

I am from the Fireworks on the 4th of July.

From roasted chicken and chocolate bars.

I am from my Great Grandma's 90th birthday and from everyone who attended the party.

I am from Shamrock my favorite stuffed animal since five

I am from the moment lived through these meaningful experiences

I Am From

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Larissa

I am from Warriors, Cats, Dogs, fighting, running, hunting, all within the pages of a book

From Canvases and Paints, Words on Paper

I am from Mountains and Cherry trees

From evergreens who's branches stretch up to the sky, trying to brush against the soft clouds

I am from Science and Math,

From Boldor and Sabliov,

And from a family of roses and hidden thorns

From books in Libraries and Pens on Paper

I am from burning the things that cause sadness and building things that bring joy

From soup and duck and fruit picked in the backyard, (Sweet and Tart and too many things to name).

Crossing the Atlantic for a better life

And from teaching and learning in a circle of parent and child

From clay smeared across the page, creating monsters that will become friends

I am from the moments that are stolen between the pages of a new book, of a moment of science inside of an unkind day, and of the moments before I was old enough to understand the why of the world.

I Am From

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Catalina

I am from a hammock
from rainbow parrots and the green iPhone
I am from The "secret backyard area" that everybody knew about
and A small fenced in pool
I am from a willow tree
whose ants were almost invisible
I am from my stuffed animals and slime
from priscilla and chloe
and from letting all the bad people just walk in and walk out of our lives and
being nice to people
from only doing favor for friends
I am from My cousin getting baptized
from apple pie and turkey
from Grandma talking trash about my mom to our nanny
and from my dad and my mom meeting
from Me and elayne crying when we couldn't have sleepovers together I am from
the moments when i had my
best friend by my side
Cata's thingy

I Am From

Inspired by George Ella Lyons

By Leah

I am from family dinners,
From electronic screens and Chinese dishes.
I am from pine trees
And blue skies.
I am from the coastal breeze
Whose salt I am still able to taste.
I am from boba drinks and books,
from Chang and Gu,
And from the hard workers and creative minds,
from lifter-uppers and smiles.
I am from He who formed me in my mother's womb,
From sweet tofu and pork ribs,
From the hands of my mother who prepared supper,
And the hands of my father who performed operations.
I am from each and every pool to which I swam and splashed.
I am from the moments in the snapshots of my life,
Like shards of glass which hold every memory, every dream, every smile of my loved ones that I
can remember.

I Am From

Inspired by George Ella Lyons

Karis

I am from Chocolate and Black labs
from Stuffed animals and computers
I am from A 1 story house
and Ugly plants in the front
I am from A plant with orange and red flowers
Which is outside my window
I am from The cats couch and dogs yard
from Soo and Chong
and from Korean spices and all the veggies
from boba drinks
I am from A Christain family
from American fast food and sit down loud dinners
from my dad being adopted
and from My Grandparents motel
from Going on vacation with the family
from the moments of all the volleyball games

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Kira

I am from backyard rocks
from grape jello and labs
I am from too much
and not enough
I am from the ugly tree
whose branches sway dead in the wind
I am from late night movies and old family blankets
from Soo and Chong
and from hand-me-down furniture and korean food
from drawings my grandmother made
I am from the church
from salamon and tofu
from the birth of my mother and adoption of my father
and from all the Christmas dinners
from the long car rides to California
I am from the moments at Disneyland and trips to the beach.

I Am From

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Shripal

I am from TV
from pencil and paper

I am from high ceilings
And granite countertops

I am from palm trees whose grown 20 ft

I am from toys and video games

From a family with nice memories and the Dupatis

From late night movies and good grades
from know it alls
And birthdays

From sweets and pastries
From religious festivals
and grandparents across the pacific

From technology
Of good and bad memories

I Am From

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Zoe

I am from potted plants,
From gardening and sitting around the fireplace,
I am from long stairways and twisting hallways
And Technology running the home,
I am from a ficus tree by the back door,
Whose thick leaves and skinny branches beckon you forward whenever you near it
I am from crystal flowers and bronze statues
From Doris and Henry's Branch
And I am from very competitive

I Am From

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Brady

I am from headphones that I used to listen to JuiceWRLD
From books and a ps4
I am from work hard
And green paint
I am from Olianders
Whose leaves are lively and green
I am from ztring and POP figures
From Mattie and Keith
And from game night and sunset walks
From no phones at the dinner table
I am from camping
From salmon pie and carrots
From my grandfather working for NASA
And from my grandmother working 3 jobs at once
From the feeling of a sea breeze
I am from the moments spent with family and friends

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Nishka

I am from my fluffy teddy bear
from my old baby walker and and toy computer

I am from neutral landscapes inside and out
and old-fashioned technology

I am from the loblolly pine tree in the backyard
whose leaves were as fragile as glass

I am from Mr. Dippin' Dots and Clarissa the Ballet Bunny
from Pruthi and Chugh
and from Vegetarian and fairly short

From tea addiction
From Diwali
from Biryani and Curry
from my uncle's wedding
and from my grandpa who looked like an indian movie star when he was in his 30's

From my llama squishy

I am from the moments

I Am From

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Armaan

I am from my bed
From music and sleds
I am from a small house
and cozy house
I am from snow
I am from rain
I am from football and basketball
from my mom and my dad
from family dinners and movies
And from family game nights
I am from sports with friends
from The Cleveland browns
from Indian food
and from mango and watermelon
from warming up in bed while it was snowing outside
I am from the moments of family

I Am From

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Dylan

I am from a computer
from handmade dog toys, and geodes
I am from pool parties

I am from a giant backyard
I am from lots of fruits
I am from the helpful fruits
I am from totoro, and bunk beds
I am from Patel, after Patel, after Patel
I'm from a family of know it alls, and one that argues a lot

I'm from a positive family
I am from a new meal every valentines day
I am from beef wellington and failed macaroons
from a grandma with 7 sisters
and from a grandpa who made my dad meet my mom with bad computer
problems
from 3 teddy bears who are still with me today_

I'm from disney land and many many nibbles of pickles
I'm from dungeons and dragons with my friends
I'm from life in the suburbs, but now am in the city
I'm from the moments with my mom and dad
And from the moments that make me myself

I Am From

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Maanav

I am from
Soft cushioned sofas
from A guitar trophy and wooden pencils
I am from A cold, jolly place
and A hot moist place
I am from A cactus whose
Spikes can pierce through souls
I am from Sleds and stickers
From the patel and doshi tree
and from
Dancing and comedy
from
Sneaking food
I am from
The holi party
from
Paneer and tikka masala
from
When my grandma got surgery on her neck
and from
When my mom got stitches on her nose
from
Light up toothbrushes
I am from the moment where I learnt who I am.

I Am From

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By Hanush

I am from computers
From Xbox and homies
I am from Wires
and
Motors
I am from water bottles
That cries so much in my mouth when my thoughts ask for more and my tonsils
are checking. I still remember how much the water cries.
I am from
Torture of tests and quizzes
from
My mom and my dad that torture me to study more than required.
and from Arguers that always think that they're the only ones that are right.
from rude
I am from
Going to temples
from food and water
from
Movie actors
and from life
from hiding in trash cans
I am from the moments of nothing

I Am From

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Lia

I am from art books
From indie games and kids cartoons
I am from a home almost always under construction
and with a painting or photo on every wall

I am from doodles and sketches
From stories I will never finish
Or drawings I will never start

I am from the mesquite tree in the backyard
whose branches are tough like my thick hair
I am from musicals and mathematics
from absolute absurdity
and from smart individuals and artists
from introverts and scientists

I am from upside-down fruit cake on birthdays
from fried matzah and brioche
from hanukkah parties
and from the cabin in tahoe right near a lake
from the worlds created in my mind
and my fictional obsessions
I am from the moments created with friends and family
and sometimes from the moments I isolate myself

I Am From

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Prasham

I am from video games

I am from pets and snow
A wide house with many electronics
playing outside with friends

I am from dried plants
all over Arizona
I am from Soccer and pools
from my cousins and ancestors
and from saving great moments and getting A's in math

from (another family trait, habit or tendency)
Turning off the lamp before going to bed

I am from Praying almost every Thursday
from Pizza and curry

from my grandparent branch
and from (another detail from the life of an ancestor
the heritages my one of my grandparents left me
from playing at the park
I am from these moments

I Am From

Inspired by George Ella Lyons

Lekha

I am from extra work and long breaks
From long road trips and short flights
From saris and curries
And blistering suns and miss matched furniture
I am from banyan trees
Whose aerial roots find the ground as if searching from home
I am from huge mountains and dirty rivers
From prasads and shrivastavas
And from hard workers and money savers
From professors and engineers
I am from huge weddings and rare parties
From curries and street food
From losses of fathers and mothers
From the sobs behind doors
And from loud arguments in the family
The fake smiles for my sake
From blackboards and mops
From soccer games and flying shuttles
A relief from anxiety and stress
I am from the moments hidden from view
The times no one knew

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Adam

I am from technology,
from stuffed animals and the sands of beaches.
I am from the hums of air conditioning
and the sun's light entering through every window.
I am from tall trees
whose swaying limbs' motions I can always sense as if I was swaying along with
them.
I am from video games and music,
from Mina and Aaron,
and from terrible dad jokes and feasting on delicious meals,
from playing board games with family.
I am from holiday gatherings,
from jajangmyeon and homemade French fries,
from my mom's immigration from Korea
and from my grandmother's standing up for others and the environment,
from playgrounds and parks.
I am from the moments with my closest friends, and the sense of humor I have
built alongside them.
I am from the moments where I failed, and the moments where I achieved success.
I am from the moments where I had fun, and the moments where I felt down.
I am from these moments, where, above all, I felt.

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Mintra

I am from giant green granny smiths

From large fields of grass and bouncy houses

I am from a light green carriage home

And a gardens that are flourishing with plants

I am from fluffy eastern hemlocks

Whose scent is like home

I am from radios and cd's

rom zuski and subbiah

And from nappers and cuddly people

From droopy eyes that look like they need more sleep

I am from holiday cuddles and cookies for all

From curries and paratha

From a grandpa that traveled the world

And from a great grandma that bred cows

From finding the end of the rainbow

I am from the moments with my family

I Am From

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Jaden

*I am from a a pink princess bed
From tie-dye shirts and worn out books
I am from dirty purple walls
And a glossy wooden countertop
I am from tall trees
Whose pine needles litter the ground
I am from sketchbooks and pillow forts
From adoption papers and unknowns
I am from arrogance and intelligence
From caring and arguments
I am from cinnamon rolls on Christmas
From pasta and pizza
I am from hospital trips and dirty laundry
I am from the moments of realization
From the moments of friendship and laughter
From the dark humor and sleep deprivations
From the gossip and giggles
From the messes and the yelling
I am from the good and the bad*