

## I AM POEM

### FIRST STANZA

I am (2 special characteristics you have)

I wonder (something of curiosity)

I hear (an imaginary sound)

I see (an imaginary sight)

I want (an actual desire)

I am (the first line of the poem repeated)

### SECOND STANZA

I pretend (something you actually pretend to do)

I feel (a feeling about something imaginary)

I touch (an imaginary touch)

I worry (something that bothers you)

I cry (something that makes you sad)

I am (the first line of the poem repeated)

### THIRD STANZA

I understand (something that is true)

I say (something you believe in)

I dream (something you 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)

**Call to Action: What can you do to be responsive to ALL learners and create a collaborative community in your classroom?**

- How can you create a collaborative community in your classroom?
  
- Create a list of community members you can invite into your school/classroom to connect with your students.
  
- How could these community members help support your students during and after high school?
  
- How do you feel a student's culture, family dynamics, history, communication, etc. could impact the classroom?
  
- How do you feel a student's culture, family dynamics, history, communication, etc. could impact their experience in postsecondary education/training and employment?

## Lessons from Ubuntu! by: Stephen Lundin and Bob Nelson

1. As long as there are employees who think of themselves as “little people,” the work of Ubuntu is not finished.
2. To engage another person in an authentic way releases the most powerful energy on the planet.
3. The spirit of Ubuntu is found through community. Community is created when you find unity of purpose with others.
4. Ubuntu is a philosophy that considers the success of the group above that of the individual.
5. The first step in bringing Ubuntu to life is discovering it in your own heart. Ubuntu comes from our natural energy within.
6. With trust and respect, others will give you the benefit of the doubt. Without trust and respect, motivational techniques come across as manipulation.
7. Ubuntu starts with recognizing and embracing the humanity, the equality, and the value of each person.
8. Two Levels of Recognition: The first level of recognition is to value others simply for *who they are*. This is the heart of Ubuntu, and it must always come first. The second level of recognition is to value others for *what they achieve*. This kind of recognition is what drives most performance.