LESSON 4: I Am From Poem

Content Objective:
• Students write a poem about their rights and identity.
• Students express their opinions regarding certain statements about rights.

Rights Literacy Objectives
• Students begin to reflect on who they are and where they come from and discuss collectively how their identities might give them certain rights and deprive them of some.

Language Objectives
• Students practice speaking and writing about different people’s identities and their own.

KEY VOCABULARY:

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<th>Nouns</th>
<th>Verbs</th>
<th>Adjectives</th>
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<td>Woman/man</td>
<td>To have</td>
<td>Documented</td>
<td>Why?</td>
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<td>People</td>
<td>To be</td>
<td>Nice</td>
<td>What?</td>
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<td>Places</td>
<td>To need</td>
<td>Happy</td>
<td>Who?</td>
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<td>Poem</td>
<td>To agree</td>
<td>Worried</td>
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<td>Identity</td>
<td>To disagree</td>
<td>Beautiful</td>
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Lesson Activities:

PART A) Writing a Poem
For this activity, write an “I am from” poem. You can follow the structure in the sample below, but can also change it. Write at least two words or phrases for each line.

I am__________________________

I have________________________

I want________________________

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I see___________________________

PART B) Agree or Disagree

Reflect on the following statements and express whether you agree or disagree, and explain why.

1) There should be rights about language use.
2) Everyone should have the right to speak his or her mind.
3) Everyone should have the right to disagree with authority.
4) Undocumented people should have the right to drive.

PART C) Small Group Reflections

Students share their “I am from” poems and discuss the following question: How do our identities relate to what rights we have? During the small group discussions, one student in each group should take notes on a piece of chart paper. After discussing in the small group, each group presents their thoughts to the whole class.