

SOUL AS A CITY (D.I.Y Writing Worksheet)

Do-It-Yourself Template Guide for creating your own original piece inspired by "Soul as a City (Ode Oakland) by J.R. Rice

Name: _____ Date: _____

GUIDING QUESTION: GOAL: Write about a person, place, or thing that represents your soul - or someone else's soul.

PART 1 | PREWRITE - Write words, phrases, full sentences, or draw your replies to the questions. There's no 1 right answer.

1. What does the word SOUL mean to you? *Try: To me, a soul is...*

2. What are 2 ways a soul can reveal a person's identity? *Try: A person's soul may show...*

PART 2 | BRAINSTORM Choose one person, place, or thing. Add key words, small sketches, or short notes.

IDEA LENS	YOUR WORDS OR SKETCH	OPTIONAL SENTENCE STARTERS
My subject	person / place / thing	<i>I will write about...</i>
Sights, sounds, feelings	colors, sounds, textures, emotions	<i>When I think of ..., I see/hear/feel...</i>
Memories or history	what it remembers or carries	<i>It carries... / It remembers...</i>
Struggle and strength	what it survived or gives	<i>Even after..., it...</i>
Soul connection	a symbol or comparison	<i>Its soul is like... because...</i>

Use the plan from Page 1 to create, reflect, and strengthen one short portion.

PART 3 | DRAFT - Choose any starter below, change it, or begin your own way. Aim for 8-12 lines or sentences.

My _____ has a soul like ____.	When I think of ____, I see/hear/feel ____.	Even after _____, it _____.	Its soul shows me _____.
It carries _____.	It remembers _____.	If it could speak, it would say ____.	So I call it _____.

MY FREE WRITE SPACE:

PART 4 | REFLECT & REVISE - Choose 1 line or sentence from your DRAFT. Think about how you can make it clearer and stronger.

1. ORIGINAL LINE	Copy the line or sentence you want to strengthen.
2. REVISION CHOICE	Circle one or two: sensory detail / stronger verb / comparison / emotion / clearer meaning
3. REVISED LINE(S)	Rewrite your stronger version here.

REFLECTION: In the space below, rewrite the sentences: After completing this activity, I felt proud that...because... My next steps are...
