

English 12
Mr. Monsen
Gift Piece

Directions: Complete steps 1-10 in order in your notebook.

Step 1: Read the explanation of a **Gift Piece** below:

A Gift Piece is an authentic writing piece, whether in poem or letter or essay form, that is written from you to someone that you love, appreciate, and/or just want to share your feelings with. It can be written about a family member, a friend, or just about anyone that you think deserves it. It can be even written for someone who has passed away and this is your tribute to that person.

*****The ultimate goal is to write a Gift Piece and actually frame it and put pictures on it and give it to the person you wrote it for.*****

See the samples at the end of this packet

Step 2: Brainstorm ideas by completing the following activities:

Brainstorming Ideas for Gift Piece

1. Write a list of five names that you could create a writing piece about.
2. Now, list **three** qualities that are special about each of the people on your list.
3. Write the following prompts in your notebook: (leave about ten lines between each prompt)

What he/she remembers...

What he/she knows...

What he/she doesn't tell her/him...

Now, choose one person from your list and write for five minutes about that person using each prompt. For example, for “What he/she remembers...” you would write about all the things you remember about that person and your time with that person. You should try to do this in the 3rd Person Point of View. For example, you would write “He (meaning you) remembers all the times that she (mom or another female person) was there for him (you). If that seems too confusing, then just write it in 1st Person Point of View. For example, “I remember...”

4. Lastly, think of a person (still alive or passed on) that you could pay tribute to, and write a paragraph about that person from your heart.

Step 3: Read the following **sample Gift Piece** that is written in 3rd Person P.O.V.

“You’ll Always Fit”

What he remembers is . . .
the constant caring,
never putting herself before him,
telling him, “You’ll always fit,”
not understanding how much more that meant.

What he knows is . . .
that she will always be there for him,
if he is sad, lonely, or just in need of an ear.
He knows how proud she is of him,
because she is his mother.

What he doesn’t tell her is . . .
that nothing she does goes
unappreciated,
that he will always be there for her,
that he is proud of her,
and that he loves her.

* You’ve filled the void like none other.
So this is for you, Mom. You’ll always fit.
I love you.

Step 4: Write an original Gift Piece of your own in your notebook.

Step 5: Revise that Gift Piece you wrote using the steps below:

Revision Activity – Gift Piece

1. Cross out any extra words that do not add meaning to the poem – **5 Not 50**
2. Circle and change three words to better, more descriptive words – **Adding more descriptive words**
3. Rewrite one line in a completely different way – **Re-wording a line**
6. Write two versions of the title at the top of the poem – **Effective Title**
7. Make a creative layout and add a picture of the poem – **Creative Layout for Effect**

Step 6: Type up your written Rough Draft of your Gift Piece.

Step 7: Add pictures and a personal note to your Gift Piece to give it a more personal touch.

Step 8: Proofread and make any final changes to your **Gift Piece** that you see fit.

Step 9: Submit the Final Copy of your **Gift Piece** to **Google Classroom** by the deadline on the calendar.

Step 10: For Extra Credit, put a copy of your finished Gift Piece in a frame and give it to someone you love. Take a picture of that person holding the framed Gift Piece and I will add two points to your average. *Look at the samples below.*

