

Directions: Your assignment is to write your own “My Name” story. It needs to be at least 4 paragraphs long. This is a piece of creative writing, so not every single paragraph needs to be 4 or more sentences long. The topic is your name. Your purpose is to inform the reader about your name. You will follow the format that Cisneros used in her story. You must include figurative language (hyperbole, metaphors, similes, personification, etc.) in each paragraph. Use the description of your name to help reveal your personality, your hopes, your fears, etc.

#### Format

-1 paragraph about your name’s meaning. Follow Cisneros’ format: share what it actually means and then define it using figurative language.

-1 paragraph about the color of your name

-1 paragraph about how your name sounds

-1 paragraph about why you want to keep your name, or why you want to change it and what you’d change it to

Here are some questions to consider before you begin writing:

Do you know why your parents chose your name? Who chose it? Does it have a special meaning in another language?

Do you have a nickname? How did you get that nickname? How do you feel about it?

If you could change your name, what would you change it to? Would a name change make you feel differently about yourself? Why?

Has anyone ever commented on your name? What did he or she say? How did that comment make you feel?

Do you think your name causes people to treat you a certain way? How? Give examples.