

# A Magnificent Acrostic

Inspired by *The Most Magnificent Idea* by Ashley Spires.

**Goal:** Write an acrostic poem about idea-generating strategies by yourself or with a group.

The first letter of each line in an acrostic poem creates a vertically-oriented word or message. Acrostic poems don't need to rhyme.

## You will need:

- A piece of paper and a pencil, pen, markers, or crayons
- Computer or tablet is optional

## What to do:

- Think of a word or message you'd like to share with other people.
  - For example, you might choose the word **IDEA**.
- Write the word or phrase vertically down the side of a piece of paper. For example:

I  
D  
E  
A

- Write words, phrases, or sentences that begin with first letters in the word or phrase. For example:

I will take a break and try again when I don't feel frustrated.

Daily exercise is a great way to recharge my idea machine.

E Every challenge is an opportunity to come up with a new idea.

A An idea may not come to me immediately, but it will eventually. I'll keep trying.

## Other things to try:

- Explore other types of poetry. Create a limerick, cinquain, haiku, or couplet.
- Create an acrostic using your name and describe what you like most about math, science, and/or computers.



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