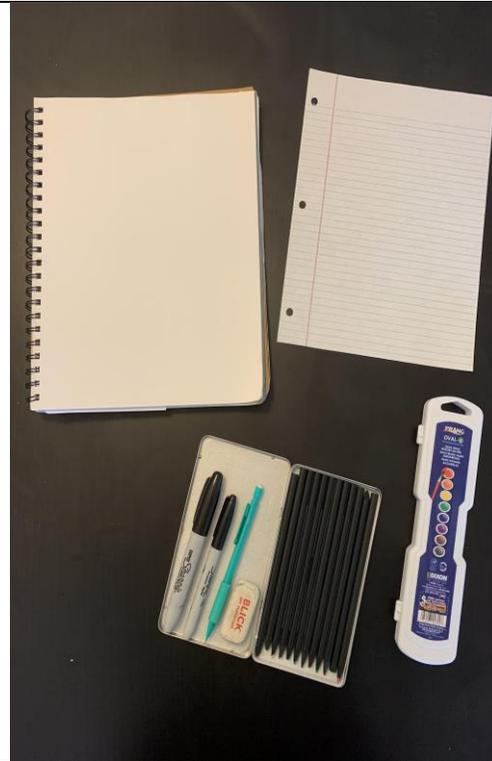# What Makes You Shine?

We are all individuals. We all have unique qualities that make us "Shine".

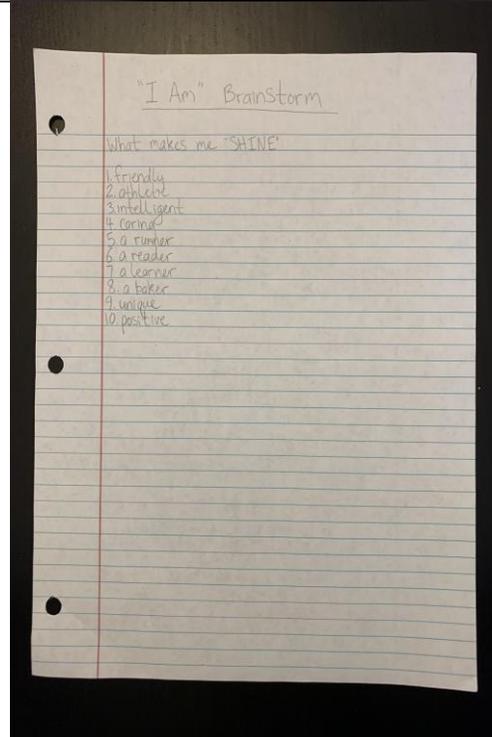**Let's make some artwork that combines colorful design with literacy!**

Step 1: Collect Materials

- Paper for artwork
- "I Am" brainstorm paper
- Pencil
- Eraser
- Options for Color (colored pencils, crayons, markers, or watercolor paint)
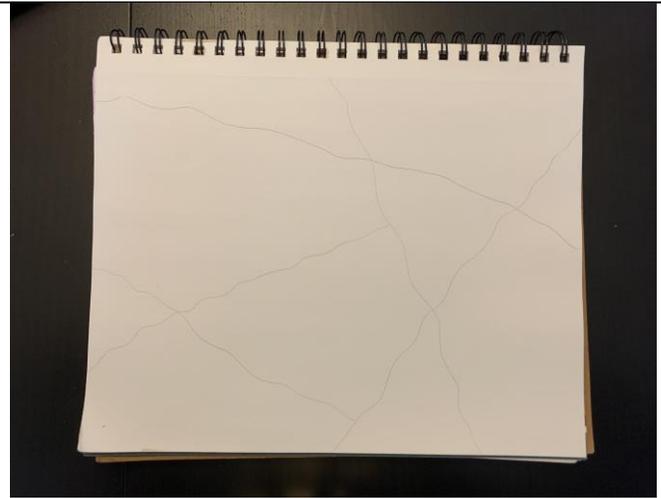- Fine or medium tip black sharpie

Step 2: "I Am" Brainstorm

- Think about yourself as a person and what makes you "SHINE".
- Make a list about yourself by writing down adjectives that describe you (example: friendly, athletic, intelligent, etc.). You can also use nouns with "a" or "an" before the noun (example: a runner, a reader, etc.).
- The more ideas the better!
- Feeling stuck? Ask someone in your family or contact a friend and ask for help!
- When you have finished, check the spelling of all your words.

Step 3: Divide Your Page with Wavy Lines

- With your pencil, **lightly** divide your page into at least 10 sections with wavy lines.
- Paper can go either horizontal (wide side to side) or vertical (up and down tall)
- These wavy lines should be different –varying in width and sometimes length
- Not all the lines have to go right to the edge of the page –some can join up with another line.

Step 4: Add Words

- In light pencil, starting in the top left hand corner, write "I Am …".
- Then, using your brainstorm, write as many adjectives and nouns as you can that neatly fit between the lines.
- *Important* - the tops and bottoms of the letters MUST touch the top and bottom line for each section.
- End with "I Am …" and then include your name.
- You can also add "I Shine" or #Shine to your design.
- Be creative! You can use a combination of uppercase and lowercase letters, fonts, etc. Look up some ideas in books, magazines or on the computer.
- When you are satisfied with the fit and spelling, trace over the pencil in black sharpie.

Step 5: Paint/Color Spaces

● Using colors of your choice, paint/color the spaces between the lines. You can create a pattern if you wish.
● You can repeat colors, but you shouldn't have two of the same colors touching.
● With colored pencils or crayons you can add value change (light to dark) or blend multiple colors within a space.
● Keep in mind, because you want to see your writing, you don't want to pick colors that are too dark.