



# Who I Look Up To

## Writing an Ode



An **ode** is a poem, *rhymed* or *unrhymed*, that tells what is *good* or *unique* about a subject (person/place/thing) and why the writer likes it so much. An ode is usually *addressed to the subject* (as if you were talking to it/him/her).

You will write an **ode** (100+ words) to a **person you look up to or admire**. It may be a family member, friend, neighbor, teacher, coach, church leader, or even a famous person or celebrity.

In your ode, write phrases describing:

- What he/she is **like** (personality, appearance, talents, etc.)
- What you **like** about him/her
- How you wish **you were like him/her**
- How he/she makes you **feel** & **why** he/she makes you feel this way
- Why he/she is **important** to you
- **Details** to make the reader **imagine** (see, feel, smell, hear) him/her
- **Similes/metaphors** to compare him/her to make your poem come alive!

**I will write about:** \_\_\_\_\_

Write some quick notes to describe the person you chose using the **bullets** above:

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# Ode to Sally



Sally, you are so beautiful  
With your eyes like Egypt  
And your pretty suede shoes.

I wish I could look just like you  
Long, shiny hair like raven feathers  
And dark eyes hiding behind a shade of blue.

Sally, I feel like I am like you  
A lonely dreamer longing to be loved  
To be a free spirit in the wind.

I, like you, hope for a better life  
One with a house all of my own  
A quiet, peaceful place to just be myself.

Sally, you are my role model,  
My strength, my friend,  
Someone beside me to hope dreams come true.

