



Navigating Creativity:

# Turning Ideas Into Art

#1 Start with April's Idea:

## SELF: Your unique and individual essence

It's April and there are so many things to celebrate. First, it is National Poetry Month, and second, all the individually unique plants and flowers are popping their heads out after their long winter's sleep! So what better way to celebrate this month, than with a poem that focuses on the idea of "SELF" — all those things that distinguish us from others and make us the individual and unique people that we are.

#2 Add the Creative Challenge:

## Create an Acrostic Poem

An **acrostic poem** is a very fun poem to write. Each **acrostic poem** has a **topic word** running down the left side of the poem. Each letter in the topic word has a new thought that runs off the side from left to right and is relevant to the topic word. The topic word is typically the title as well.

For this creative challenge that focuses on the idea of SELF, **use your name, a word that describes you, or a word that you like** for your topic word. For each line, you can use a word, a sentence, or a picture that starts with the letter on that line to tell us a little bit more about yourSELF.

To get you started, STAR, the Navigate mascot, wrote the following poem:

### STAR (THE) DOG

Sniffs out food and sniffs out fun

Totally focused on chasing squirrels

Always ready for a treat

Retrieves sticks (and sometimes brings them back)

(THE)

Doughnuts are my favorite food

On the lookout for kids to play with

Good at being a very loyal friend!



#3 Submit your Artwork:

Submit a photo or a scan of your poem [to this form](#) by 8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 30, 2021, for a chance to win. You can also include an optional artist's statement/ explanation of your artwork if you would like.