

## "I Am" Poem Activity

*Directions: Using the format below write a poem that summarizes, in your opinion, what it must have felt like to be a child in the U.S. growing up during the early Cold War period.*

First line: I am a child of the early Cold War  
Second line: I wonder \_\_\_\_\_  
Third line: I hear \_\_\_\_\_  
Fourth line: I see \_\_\_\_\_  
Fifth line: I am a child of the early Cold War  
Sixth line: I pretend \_\_\_\_\_  
Seventh line: I feel \_\_\_\_\_  
Eighth line: I touch \_\_\_\_\_  
Ninth line: I worry \_\_\_\_\_  
Tenth line: I cry \_\_\_\_\_  
Eleventh line: I am a child of the early Cold War  
Twelfth line: I understand \_\_\_\_\_  
Thirteenth line: I say \_\_\_\_\_  
Fourteenth line: I dream \_\_\_\_\_  
Fifteenth line: I try \_\_\_\_\_  
Sixteenth line: I hope \_\_\_\_\_  
Seventeenth line: I am a child of the early Cold War

Example:  
I am the son of a pilot missing in action  
I wonder if he had time to bail out  
I hear my mother talking on the phone  
I see a somber faced uniformed visitor  
I am the son of a pilot missing in action  
I pretend he's home in the kitchen  
I feel weak and alone  
I touch his books on the shelf  
I worry that I'll never know if he's alive  
I cry when I realize I cannot see him  
I am the son of a pilot missing in action  
I understand that he went to war  
I say he will come back  
I dream of his voice  
I try to imagine other pilots  
I hope they find my father  
I am the son of pilot missing in action