

"Pertenezco a.." - the Acequia Ad-Lib Poetry Challenge

This activity was inspired by the "I am from..." poetry challenge shared by Victoria Quevedo, author of 'Inventos Mios' @nixtamalizedpoetry

Instructions: Fill in the blanks of this poem with your own words! The information below each blank line describes what type of word or phrase you should put in the blank. If you want, you can talk to someone in your family to learn more about your family history to help with your answers. Feel free to try out a few different version!

Pertenezco a (I belong to) _____,
(name of your acequia or river or town)

where my family has _____
(verb / action word)

for _____
(length of time)

I am made up of _____,
(a plant your ancestors or family grows or uses)

and land that is _____,
(adjective / description of the land where you live)

and water that is _____
(adjective / description of the river or acequia near your house)

I am from " _____ ",
(a family dicho [saying] or something you have been taught by your family or community)

and _____,
(name of someone who has given you guidance or supported you)

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(name of someone who has given you guidance or supported you)

I am strong because of _____,
(a plant your ancestors or family grows or uses)

and _____,
(a remedio [medicine] or herb used for healing in your family or community)

and the _____ which grow around me.
(a plant that grows near your home)

No matter where I go in life, I will always remember _____,
(something you like about your home place)

and _____,
(something else you like about your home place)

and the smell of _____.
(a food your family or community enjoys)

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(name of your acequia or river or town)