

Fifth Grade Summer Reading

2021

Prepare for 5th Grade!



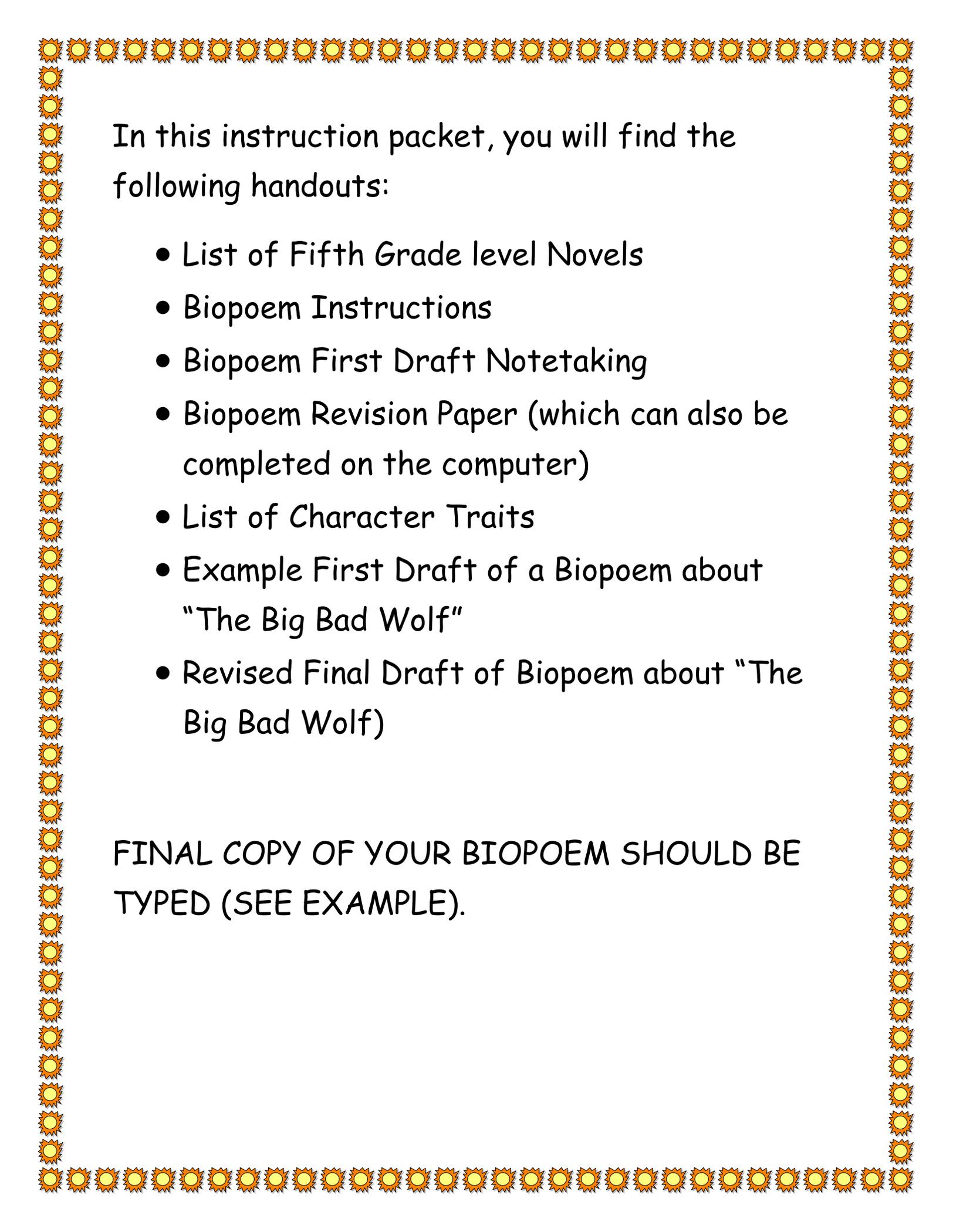
Dear Parents and Students,

During fifth grade, students will study the characteristics of many types of writing, including narrative texts. They determine from whose **point of view** the story is written. They examine the description of the **setting** and use of **dialogue** to identify how the author sets the **tone** of the story which affects the reader's **mood**. They meet the **characters** and learn their **traits** (physical, feelings, attitudes, personality) through their words and actions. They observe how the characters **change** and **grow** throughout the story.

To prepare for fifth grade, students will read an adventure of their choice. We have provided a list of possible adventures, but you may choose any adventure that is not on this list, as well.

When you finish reading your novel, you will create a **"Biopoem"** about one of the characters which will be shared during the first week of school.

Happy Summer! Happy Reading!



In this instruction packet, you will find the following handouts:

- List of Fifth Grade level Novels
- Biopoem Instructions
- Biopoem First Draft Notetaking
- Biopoem Revision Paper (which can also be completed on the computer)
- List of Character Traits
- Example First Draft of a Biopoem about "The Big Bad Wolf"
- Revised Final Draft of Biopoem about "The Big Bad Wolf"

FINAL COPY OF YOUR BIOPOEM SHOULD BE TYPED (SEE EXAMPLE).



List of Fifth Grade Level Novels

1. *Holes*, by Louis Thatcher
2. *Harry Potter*, by J.K. Rowling (any in the series)
3. *Hatchet*, by Gary Paulson
4. *The Phantom Tollbooth*, by Norton Juster
5. *The City of Ember*, by Jeanne DuPrau
6. *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, by C.S. Lewis
7. *The Tale of Despereaux*, by Kate Di Camillo
8. *Chasing Vermeer*, by Blue Balliett
9. *The Egypt Game*, by Zilpha Keatley Snider
10. *My Brother Sam is Dead*, by James Lincoln Collier
11. *Freak the Mighty*, by Rodman Philbrick
12. *The Lightning Thief*, by Percy Jackson
13. *Tuck Everlasting*, by Natalie Babbett
14. *A Wrinkle in Time*, by Madeleine L'Engle
15. *The Hobbit*, by J.R.R. Tolkien
16. *The Land of Stories*, by Chris Colfer
17. *When the Sea Turned to Silver*, by Grace Lin
18. *The Penderwicks*, by Jeanne Birdsall
19. *The Wishgiver*, by Bill Brittain
20. *War Comes to Willy Freeman*, by Christopher Collier

Biopoem Instructions

A biopoem is a poem that is a biography of a person. The person can be real (yourself, a friend, or historical person), or imaginary (a character in a book). Use this format to write about a character from your adventure novel. Please read the examples which show you how to elaborate.

Line 1: Your first name

Line 2: Four traits about yourself

Line 3: Daughter/Son of...

Line 4: Lover of (name 2 or more people or ideas)

Line 5: Who feels (name 2 or more using the same
or different feelings)

Line 6: Who needs (name 2 or more)

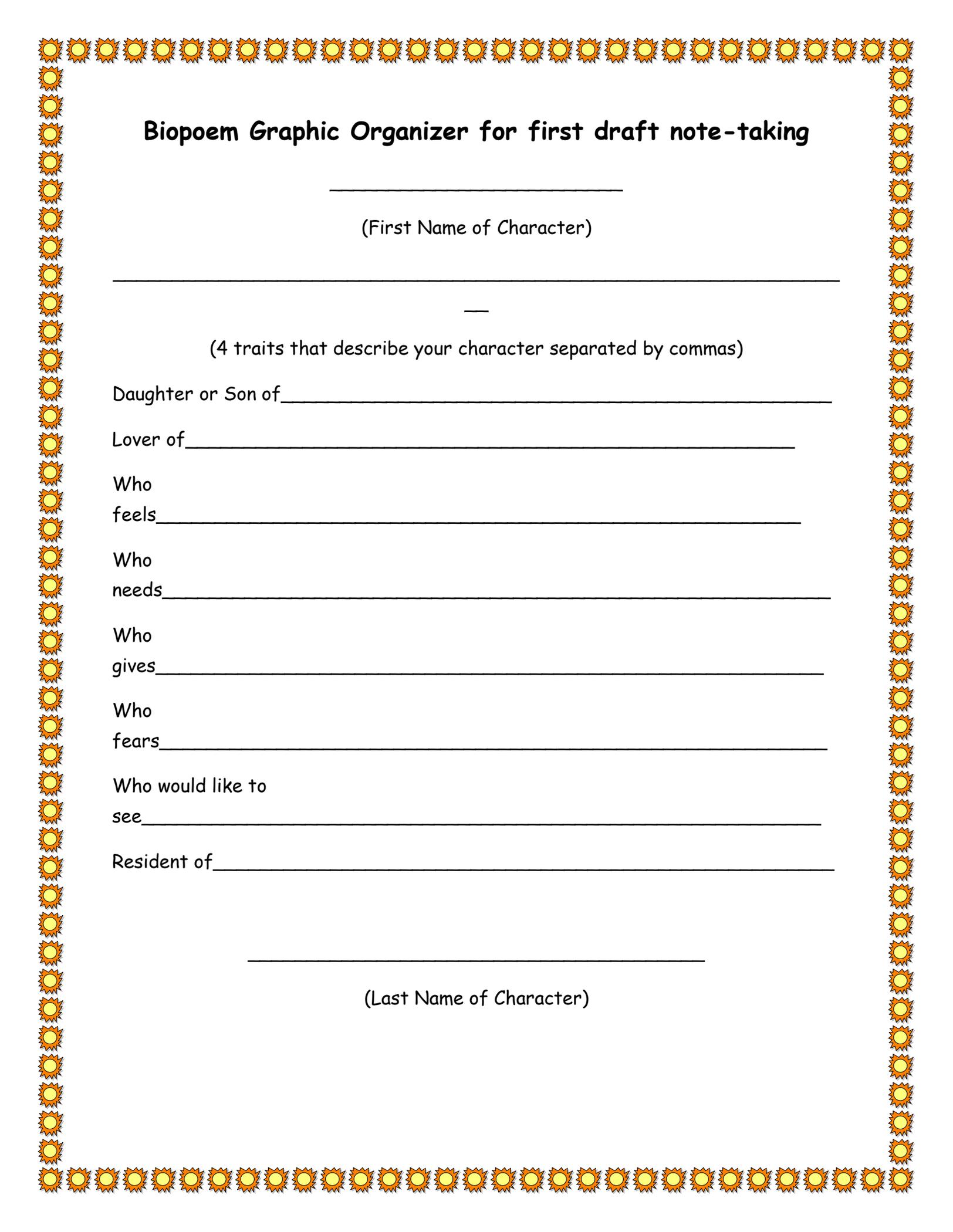
Line 7: Who gives (name 2 or more)

Line 8: Who fears (name 2 or more)

Line 9: Who would like to see (name 2 or more)

Line 10: Resident of (street name or city)

Line 11: Your last name



Biopoem Graphic Organizer for first draft note-taking

(First Name of Character)

(4 traits that describe your character separated by commas)

Daughter or Son of _____

Lover of _____

Who
feels _____

Who
needs _____

Who
gives _____

Who
fears _____

Who would like to
see _____

Resident of _____

(Last Name of Character)



Biopoem Revisions (Can be done on this page or on the computer)

Lover of _____

Who feels _____

Who needs _____

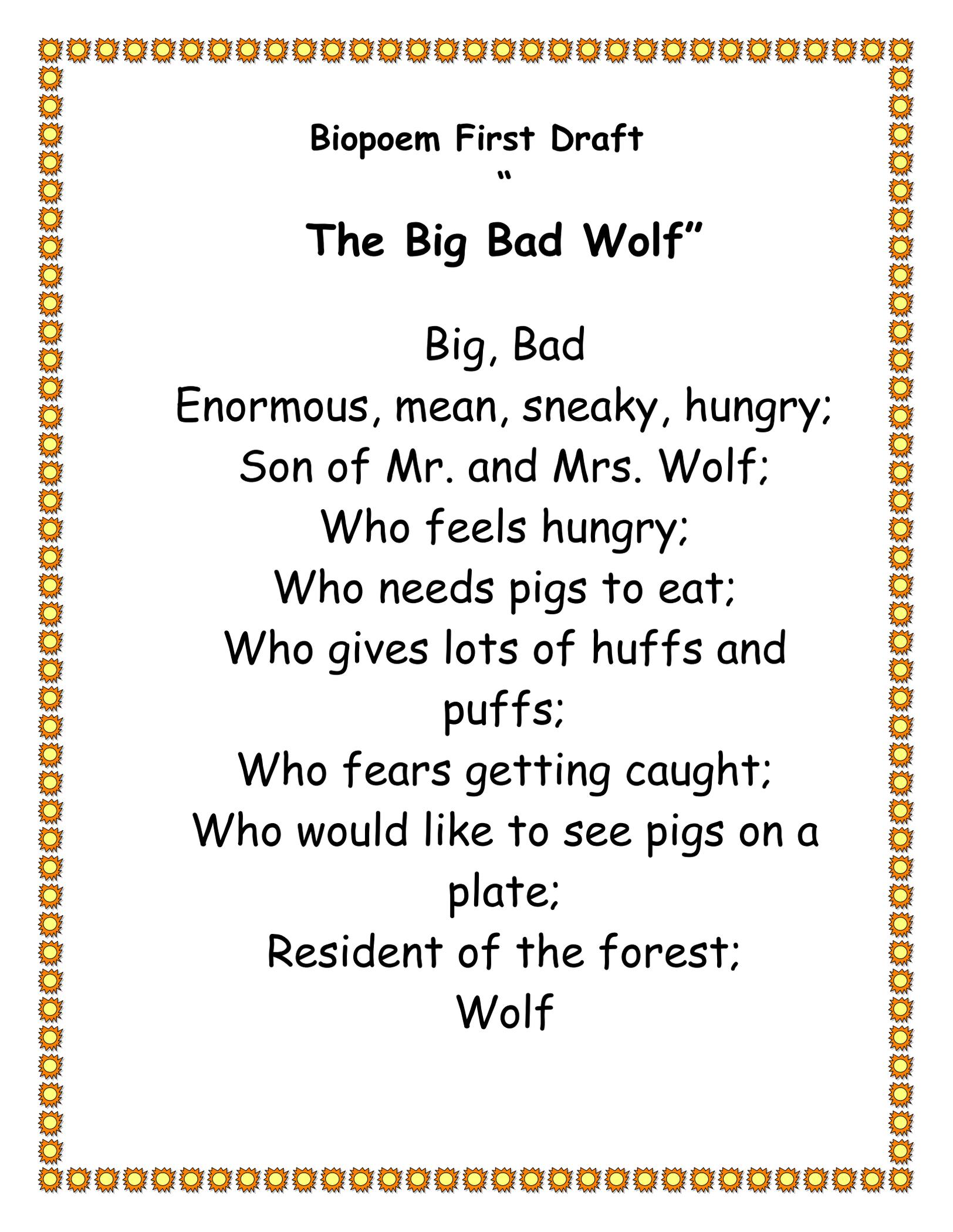
Who gives _____

Who fears _____

Who would like to see _____

List of Character Traits

absent-minded	disagreeable	leader	self-confident
adventurous	dreamy	loud	selfish
ambitious	dull	lovable	sensitive
awkward	energetic	loving	sentimental
boastful	fearful	loyal	serious
bold	fierce	mannerly	sharp-witted
bossy	fighter	mean	shiftless
brave	forgetful	messy	shrewd
busy	forgiving	mischievous	shy
calm	friendly	nagging	sneaky
carefree	fun-loving	neat	soft-hearted
careless	funny	obedient	spunky
caring	fussy	organized	stern
cautious	generous	outspoken	stingy
changeable	gentle	patient	stubborn
charming	gloomy	patriotic	studious
cheerful	greedy	playful	successful
clever	gullible	pleasant	superstitious
conceited	handsome	polite	suspicious
confused	happy	proud	talkative
considerate	hard-working	quarrelsome	thoughtful
contented	helpful	quick-tempered	timid
cooperative	honest	quiet	tough
courageous	humble	reasonable	trusting
cowardly	humorous	reckless	unfriendly
creative	imaginative	relaxed	unfriendly
cruel	independent	resourceful	unkind
curious	intelligent	respectful	unselfish
daring	inventive	responsible	wise
demanding	jolly	rude	witty



Biopoem First Draft

“

The Big Bad Wolf”

Big, Bad

Enormous, mean, sneaky, hungry;

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Wolf;

Who feels hungry;

Who needs pigs to eat;

Who gives lots of huffs and
puffs;

Who fears getting caught;

Who would like to see pigs on a
plate;

Resident of the forest;

Wolf

"The Big Bad Wolf" Final Draft

Wolf

Big, bad, mean, hungry;

Pup of Mrs. and Mrs. Wolf;

Who feels starving-to-death ravenous;

Who needs platters of perfect, plump, pink
piggies for his personal party;

Who gives strong and ginormous huffs and
puffs to blow down the pigs' houses;

Who fears failing to find food, and falling
frantically into boiling, scalding water;

Who would like to see little piggies roasting
over a nice warm fire on a chilly night, and a
future full of food;

Resident of the deep dark forest in Fairytale
Land;

Wild Canine