



“Apathy”

synonyms:

indifference, lack of interest, lack of enthusiasm, lack of concern, unconcern, uninterestedness, unresponsiveness, impassivity, dispassion, lethargy



“Apathy” by Arik Durfee

Apathy has no cure

Because I refuse to believe that

My future will be amazing

My world and

My life

Will be defined by indifference

I do not accept that this generation

Can change the world

Because our strengths and our hopes and our dreams

Apathy will. . .

Sabotage everything that matters in our
lives unless we learn to
REVERSE it!

It starts here.

“Lost Generation” by Johnathan Reed



What makes this work?

Lost Generation

by Jonathan Reed

I am a part of a lost generation
and I refuse to believe that
I can change the world

Lost Generation

I'm a part of Lost Generation
and I refuse to believe that
I can change the world
I realize this may be a shock but
"Happiness comes from within"
is a lie, and
"Money will make me happy"
So in thirty years I'll tell my children
They are not the most important thing in my life
My employer will know that
I have my priority straight because
Work
Is more important than
Family
I tell you this
Once upon a time
Families stayed together
But this will not be true in my era
This is a quick fix society
Experts tell me
Thirty years from now I will be celebrating the 10th anniversary of my
divorce
I do not concede that
I will live in a country of my own making
In the future
Environmental destruction will be the norm
No longer can it be said that
My peers and I care about this earth
It will be evident that
My generation is apathetic and lethargic
It is foolish to presume that
There is hope
And all of this will come true unless we reverse it.

Now read the poem backwards.

- What makes this poem work ?
- What lines make this poem able to be read in the reverse?

“My Family”

by

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- http://poets.spice.org.hk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=44:my-family&catid=6:reverse-poem&Itemid=7

Let's check out some more reverse poems. See if you can locate the “generic lines”.

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Topics

you're ready!

- There isn't a path; create a reverse poem
- Use the template provided, or
 - borrow a few 'generic lines from others + template, or
 - venture out on your own using generics solely
 - Partner or Not- IT'S Personal!

175 Positive Character Traits

accessible	dependable	honest	passionate	sensible
adaptable	determined	humble	patient	sensitive
adventurous	dignified	humorous	peaceful	shy
affable	diligent	idealistic	perceptive	sincere
affectionate	diplomatic	imaginative	persistent	skilful
agreeable	disciplined	impartial	personable	sociable
ambitious	discreet	incisive	persuasive	solid
amicable	dynamic	independent	pioneering	spontaneous
amusing	easy-going	innovative	placid	sporting
articulate	educated	insightful	plucky	stable
balanced	efficient	intelligent	polished	steadfast
benevolent	eloquent	intuitive	polite	stoic
brave	empathetic	inventive	powerful	straightforward
bright	encouraging	invulnerable	practical	strong
brilliant	energetic	keen	precise	suave
broad-minded	enthusiastic	kind	principled	subtle
capable	exuberant	liberal	profound	sympathetic
captivating	fair	logical	protective	tasteful
careful	faithful	lovable	prudent	thorough
caring	fearless	loving	punctual	thoughtful
charming	firm	loyal	quick-witted	tidy
clear-headed	flexible	magnanimous	quiet	tolerant
clever	focused	mature	rational	tough
compassionate	forgiving	meticulous	relaxed	unassuming
confident	frank	moderate	reliable	uncomplaining
conscientious	friendly	modest	reserved	understanding
considerate	funny	neat	resourceful	upright
courageous	generous	non-authoritarian	responsible	versatile
courteous	gentle	obedient	responsive	vivacious
creative	genuine	objective	romantic	warm
curious	gracious	open	scrupulous	well-read
daring	gregarious	optimistic	secure	well-rounded
decent	hard-working	orderly	self-confident	willing
decisive	helpful	organised	self-disciplined	wise
educated	heroic	original	selfless	witty

175 Negative Character Traits

abrasive	destructive	inconsiderate	opinionated	shameless
aggressive	detached	indecisive	outrageous	slovenly
aimless	difficult	indiscreet	over-critical	sly
aloof	dishonest	inflexible	over-emotional	sneaky
angry	disloyal	inhibited	paranoid	sordid
anxious	disobedient	insecure	passive	stingy
arrogant	disruptive	insensitive	pathetic	stubborn
artificial	dogmatic	insulting	patronising	stupid
base	dull	intolerant	perverse	superficial
belligerent	enervated	irrational	petty	surly
bitchy	envious	irresponsible	pessimistic	tactless
blunt	erratic	jealous	petulant	tasteless
boastful	extravagant	judgemental	picky	temperamental
boorish	extreme	killjoy	plodding	tense
boring	facetious	lazy	pompous	thoughtless
callous	fanatical	malicious	predatory	touchy
calculating	finicky	materialistic	prejudiced	truculent
careless	fixed	mean	pretentious	uncaring
caustic	flippant	mechanical	prim	uncharitable
changeable	foolish	melodramatic	procrastinating	unfriendly
charmless	forgetful	miserable	puritanical	unkind
cold	fussy	moody	quick-tempered	unrealistic
coarse	gloomy	nagging	quixotic	unreliable
compulsive	greedy	narcissistic	rash	unruly
conceited	grim	narrow-minded	resentful	unstable
condemnatory	grumpy	nasty	ridiculous	untidy
cowardly	gullible	naughty	rigid	untrustworthy
crafty	harsh	neglectful	rude	vague
crazy	hateful	nervous	ruthless	vain
cruel	hesitant	neurotic	sadistic	vengeful
cunning	hostile	nosy	sanctimonious	vindictive
deceitful	ignorant	obnoxious	scornful	weak
demanding	impatient	obsessive	secretive	weak-willed
dependent	impractical	obstinate	self-indulgent	wilful
desperate	impulsive	offhand	selfish	withdrawn

Expectations:

Your poem . . .

- can be read both ways
- does not repeat itself
- shows a sophistication of language and thought
- has a title

To get an A or B:

- - Complete above expectations
 - Turn your poem into something creative
 - Create a PowerPoint, Prezi, video (may use your phone), collage, etc.
 - Get creative with this – you are not limited to my suggestions. How can you best show the message/s of your poem?

To get a B or C:

- Complete above expectations
- Type/print out your poem

Submit:

- Projects using technology should be submitted via email or flash drive.
- If submitting via flash drive, please be prepared to leave your drive for the weekend.
- Email: tboston@teh.k12.ca.us.

Subject line: Full name, period #, Reverse Poem