

This assignment is due:

/5 points = Effort

/10 points = Visual Appeal

/10 points = Original Expression

You will be assessed as follows:  
Total project = 25 points

Create a visual representation that speaks of your interests, personality, and accomplishments. Use whatever materials you desire, and feel free to alter the page in any way that you desire. This is a creative and visual assignment, but do not fret about notions of "visual perfection." Be prepared to share this with the class. HAVE FUN!

Directions: Read "The Dash Poem" by Linda Ellis (below) and reflect on what your dash currently represents. If someone were to write a book about your life, what would the cover of the book look like? If someone created a work of art about your life, what would the movie poster look like? If someone created a book cover, movie poster or small work of art that represents "YOUR DASH" up to now. What would you like others to know about you and the impact that you have had on your family, community, and school, as of today?

## The Dash Creative Project

Name:

Period

I read of a man who stood to speak  
at the funeral of a friend.  
He referred to the dates on her tombstone,  
from the beginning...to the end.  
He noted that first came the date of her birth  
and spoke of the following date with tears,  
but he said what mattered most of all  
was the dash between those years.  
For that dash represents all the time  
that she spent alive on earth.  
And now only those who loved her  
know what that little lime is worth.  
For it matters not, how much we own,  
the cars...the house...the cash.  
What matters is how we live and love  
and how we spend our dash.  
So, think about this long and hard.  
Are there things you'd like to change?  
If we could just slow down enough  
to consider what's true and real  
and always try to understand  
the way other people feel.  
And be less quick to anger  
and show appreciation more  
and love the people in our lives  
like we've never loved before.  
If we treat each other with respect  
and more often wear a smile,  
remembering that this special dash  
might only last a little while.  
So, when your eulogy is being read,  
with your life's actions to rehash...  
would you be proud of the things they say  
about how you spent YOUR dash?

## The Dash

By Linda Ellis