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Reflection

My poem is about what each finger symbolizes to me. I decided to begin with the fifth digit-- the pinkie-- and make my way to the thumb, because in my opinion the pinkie has the strongest meaning. Throughout my poem I used a mixture of semi-colons, dashes, and short sentences to provide pauses and make the contexts stand out; my poem is also set up in five stanzas with five lines in each to emphasize the importance of the number five.

- I. My first stanza is where the meaning of a promise is defined by my pinkie. I experimented with diction when it came to describing what my pinkie symbolized; I used words such as “a pact”, “an unbreakable commitment”, and “an affiance” therefore I didn’t repeat the word promise. I used many of the of the words as short sentences so they would stand out to whoever reads my poem.
- II. For my second stanza I described how the fourth digit-- the ring finger-- symbolizes love. In this stanza I focused on how the ringer finger represents “love and devotion” by the presentation of “precious piece of jewelry”. I gave a brief example of what the piece of jewelry would be such as “a beloved stone or single band”, because I didn’t want to go with the stereotype of a diamond ring.
- III. The topic of my third stanza was the middle finger and how it stood for the replacement of words. When it came to describing this finger, I wanted to be careful on describing it, since it can be interpreted in a variety of ways. I used lines like “you stand tall among all

the rest” and “expressing what simply can’t be put into words” to give off an optimistic feeling to the stanza.

- IV. The index finger-- or the “pointer finger”-- is the focus of my fourth stanza and its meaning is one of my favorites. In the stanza I describe the index finger as being “the one who reveals the ones who really matter”; the reason I describe the finger that way because everyone uses the index finger to point out family members and friends that they can’t imagine living without.
- V. The final stanza is all about my thumb and how it gives approval and tells others “I’m fine”. This is my favorite stands because it shows the thumb is independent and can represent how someone feels with a simple motion of thumbs-up.