

# □ Your Turn: Write an "I Am" Poem

An "I Am" poem is a way to study the subject of a self-portrait by putting yourself in the painter's head. Think about everything you've learned about Leyster from looking at her self-portrait and from reading her bio. Reconsider the adjectives and phrases that best described her. Now, use your imagination to pretend you are Judith Leyster. Complete the poem below:

I am...Judith Leyster



Judith Leyster  
*Self-Portrait* c. 1630

I am...(two special traits or physical characteristics) \_\_\_\_\_

I wonder...(something to be curious about) \_\_\_\_\_

I hear...(an imaginary sound) \_\_\_\_\_

I see... (an imaginary sight) \_\_\_\_\_

I want...(an actual desire) \_\_\_\_\_

I am...(the first line of the poem repeated) \_\_\_\_\_

I pretend...(something to imagine) \_\_\_\_\_

I feel...(a feeling about something imaginary) \_\_\_\_\_

I touch...(an imaginary touch) \_\_\_\_\_

I worry...(something that is bothersome) \_\_\_\_\_

I cry...(something that is very sad) \_\_\_\_\_

I am... the first line of the poem repeated) \_\_\_\_\_

I understand...(something that is positively true) \_\_\_\_\_

I say...(something to believe in) \_\_\_\_\_

I dream...(something to dream about) \_\_\_\_\_

I try... (something to make an effort about) \_\_\_\_\_

I hope...(something to hope for) \_\_\_\_\_

I am...(the first line of the poem repeated) \_\_\_\_\_

After you have completed your poem, print it out and add it to your self-portrait portfolio.