

Sample Alphabiography Entry

N IS FOR NAME

Your name is directly tied to who you are. It is YOUR name. It is the first thing that people usually ask—"What is your name?" I had a super cool name: Lisa Amy Storm. OK, I didn't like to the Amy part so much, but Storm was really cool. That is what most people called me. So, when you get married, you lose a bit of that. Your name changes. It is exciting, but scary at the same time. Will you change as a person? Probably not. Will it change how people relate to you? Again, probably not. But, sometimes, it makes you feel differently about yourself. You may feel like you need to find a new way to identify yourself. Your place in alphabetical order changes. I loved the fact that I was married, but I wasn't sure how to my new last name suited me. I didn't feel a real connection to my married last name, Fink, until I was reading to my Kindergarten class a week or so after getting married. We were in the middle of our author study of Marc Brown, when one of the students suggest that I read *Arthur's Teacher Trouble*. I had never read the book before, so we went ahead and read it during carpet time. When we were about a third into the book, when Arthur was lamenting about having Mr. Ratburn as a teacher, I found it—my name in a book! Mrs. Fink, a teacher! Her name (my name) was mentioned in the book twice. Needless to say, this became my favorite children's book. And, a story about an aardvark helped me to feel good about ME.

LIFE LESSON: A name is important and can make you feel good or bad about you. Find something about your name that you can relate to.