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Title of Piece ______________________________________________________________________

These are the GOALS for my piece.

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☐ I need help with . . .

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☐ I did a great job!

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