My word cloud describes me as a human being. My cloud taps into all aspects of my life from my personality to my hobbies. The word cloud represents me in all facets. I wanted to get in depth in not only who I am but my interests and my passions. Music was one of my first passions. I began playing guitar when I was about ten years old. This passion has led me to travel all over the country performing and ultimately to meet my wife. My wife and two dogs are very important to me. Health and physical activity is very important as well. I played organized sports growing up and feel that it is import to learn about competition and how to work as a team. Along with music art has been an extremely paramount part of my life. I have taught guitar, mandolin, and worked as a fly fishing guide. I feel that my patient attitude has led me to teaching. I am very encouraged and excited to see what the future holds.

A great way to use a word cloud in my classroom could be paralleled with an artist exploration project. Each student would pick an artist or painting they like from a list I have previously created. As a beginning research jump off the students will create a list of words that represent the artist or work. Their list can describe the artist's work, life, and/or time period. This will get the students thinking creatively and critically about all aspects of the artist, as well be a great beginning exploration to begin a project.