Art of the Poem: Haiku and Cinquain

Name: ________________________ Class Hour: _______________ Date: ________________

Cinquain

A cinquain is a 5 line poem that describes a person, place, or thing. They do not have to rhyme.

| Dessert               | ?         |
| Creamy, Cold          | ?         |
| Eating, giggling, licking | ?       |
| cone with three scopes | ?         |
| ice cream             | ?         |

One Word Title, a noun
Two adjectives
Three action words, or verbs
A phrase
A synonym for your title

Use the organizer below to write your own Cinquain (by yourself).

1. ____________________________________________
   a one world title, a noun, that describes what your poem is about

2. ____________________________________________
   two adjectives that describe what you're writing about

3. ___________________, ___________________, ___________________,
   three verbs/action words that describe what you're writing about

4. ____________________________________________
   A phrase that tells us more about what you're writing about

5. ____________________________________________
   A synonym for your title, or another noun that tells us what your poem is about

Having used the example above, please write two more Cinquains in the space provided below about any topic that you and your neighbor can come up with.

1. _____________________________ 1. ____________________________
2. _____________________________ 2. ____________________________
3. _____________________________ 3. ____________________________
4. _____________________________ 4. ____________________________
5. _____________________________ 5. ____________________________
Haiku

A haiku is a three line poem that generally consists of 5 syllables in the first line, 7 syllables in the second line, and 5 syllables in the third line.

The water runs here, ? 5 Syllables The wa-ter runs here
It runs over rocks and falls ? 7 Syllables It runs o-ver rocks and falls
Yet the rocks remain ? 5 Syllables Yet the rocks re-main

By strict definition, a Haiku is any poem that consists of 17 or less syllables and 3 or less lines, although for this case, it’s simpler to remember them as having 5 syllables in the first line, 7 syllables in the second line, and 5 syllables in the third. Haiku do not have to rhyme. Now that you've seen an example, write a Haiku by yourself in the space provided below:

1. ______ ______ ______ ______ ______
   (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)
   Fill in each space provided with a syllable, like the example above. Remember - not every word is one syllable!

2. ______ ______ ______ ______ ______ ______ ______
   (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7)

3. ______ ______ ______ ______ ______
   (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

Now that you’ve seen what a Haiku looks like, use the provided below and work with your neighbor to write several haiku of your own.

1 ___________________________________________________________________

2 ___________________________________________________________________

3 ___________________________________________________________________

1 ___________________________________________________________________

2 ___________________________________________________________________

3 ___________________________________________________________________

1 ___________________________________________________________________

2 ___________________________________________________________________

3 ___________________________________________________________________