

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	?	One Word Title, a noun
Creamy, Cold	?	Two adjectives
Eating, giggling, licking	?	Three action words, or verbs
cone with three scopes	?	A phrase
ice cream	?	a synonym for your title

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

1. _____
a one word 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.

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| 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	<u>The</u> <u>wa-ter</u> <u>runs</u> <u>here</u>
It runs over rocks and falls	?	7 Syllables	<u>It</u> <u>runs</u> <u>o-ver</u> <u>rocks</u> <u>and</u> <u>falls</u>
Yet the rocks remain	?	5 Syllables	<u>Yet</u> <u>the</u> <u>rocks</u> <u>re-main</u>

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 _____

