**Writing poetry**

You will write 4 original poems. You can work in any order, but the types ore: **Haiku, Acrostic, Limerick,** and **Free Verse**. Follow the directions to make sure you meet all the requirements. Remember: poems are rich with sound devices and figurative language!

Be creative!

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**Haiku Poem**

A haiku poem is a Japanese form of poetry that has a specific structure and only contains three lines. They usually are about nature.

Your haiku must follow this pattern:

The first line is 5 syllables.

The second line is 7 syllables.

The third line is 5 syllables.

For example:

Dogs

We don’t deserve dogs.

Loyal and affectionate,

The best company.

**Haiku Requirements**:

* You must follow the laws of a Haiku: 3 lines, 17 syllables (5/7/5)
* Write your rough draft on the lines below.
* Give your poem a title.
* Write your final draft neatly.
* Your final draft should also include a colored illustration that is relevant to your poem.

Write your rough draft here: (Clap your hands to check your syllable count.)

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**Haiku Final Draft and Illustration**

**Acrostic Poetry**

An acrostic poem is a poem in which words are spelled out through the first letter of each line.

Acrostic poems do not have to rhyme.

For example:

**W**anting to let your thoughts escape

**R**ich in description, voice, and purpose

**I**nteresting to read, intelligent too

**T**yped or hand written, just get it started

**I**nto the light, closed in a notebook, or read aloud

**N**eeding time, attention, and reworking

**G**iving freedom, the mark of a moment

**Requirements**:

* Your poem needs to be a minimum of five lines.
* You may not choose a person’s name
* Each line should be a minimum of ten syllables.
* Your poem needs to be an authentic acrostic poem meaning the first letter of each line spells out a word related to your poem.
* Write your rough draft on the lines below.
* Write your final draft neatly

**Acrostic Poem Rough Draft**

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**Acrostic Poem Final Draft**

**Limerick Poem**

A limerick is a humorous or nonsensical poem composed of five lines with the rhyme scheme **AABBA**. Limericks don’t have to be comedic, but the subject should not be one that is very serious or emotional.

They often begin with the phrase: “there was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” or “there once was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” but it is not a requirement.

**For example**:

Just In Case

There was a boisterous boy named Billy

Who had a best friend named Willy

They thought it’d be funny

To combine all their money

And buy 500 pounds of chili

**Requirements**:

* You must follow the laws of a limerick: 5 lines, rhyme scheme of AABBA
* No one can die in the poem
* It must be appropriate but still funny or silly
* Include a purposeful alliteration (2 or more words) OR one onomatopoeia
* Write your rough draft on the lines below.
* Give your poem a title.
* Write your final draft neatly
* Your final draft should also include a colored illustration that is relevant to your poem.

**Limerick Rough Draft**

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Limerick Final Draft and Illustration

**Free Verse Poem**

A free verse poem lacks a consistent rhyme scheme, metrical pattern, or musical form.

For example:

**“When I Heard the Learn’d Astronomer”** by Walt Whitman

When I heard the learn’d astronomer,

When the proofs, the figures, were ranged in columns before me,

When I was shown the charts and diagrams, to add, divide, and measure them,

When I sitting, heard the astronomer where he lectured with much applause in the lecture-room,

How soon unaccountable I became tired and sick,

Till rising and gliding out I wander’d off by myself,

In the mystical moist night-air, and from time to time,

Look’d up in perfect silence at the stars.

**Free Verse Requirements**:

* Your poem needs to be a minimum of six lines.
* You must include at least one example of figurative language in your poem.
* Your poem needs to be an authentic free verse poem with no rhyme scheme.
* Write your rough draft on the lines below.
* Write your final draft neatly.
* Give your poem a title.

**Free Verse Poem Rough Draft**

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**Free Verse Poem Final Draft**