Narrative or Elegy

* **narrative poem**: a form of poetry that tells a story, often using elements of a narrative such as narrator, plot, setting, and characters
* **elegy**: a form of poetry in which the poet or speaker expresses grief, sadness, or loss

Narrative

* must tell a full story
* have characters, a plot, setting, possibly a narrator
* must have a conflict / problem
* there must be a resolution of some sort – what happens
* does not have to rhyme
* must be written in stanzas
* purposeful word choice
* title
* must be at least ten lines
* can be funny, serious, happy, awkward, etc.

Elegy

* must have a sad theme
* must express grief, sadness, or loss
* does not have to include death
* may rhyme, but it does not have to
* included a title
* must be at least 8 lines
* ideas: quitting something, losing something or someone, something tragic, leaving somewhere you loved, moving on from something hard, stopping a bad habit, missing out on something you were hoping for, not being able to participate in something you enjoy