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"Worksheet: Haiku"

Haiku is a form of unrhymed poetry that comes from Japan. It uses rhythm to make its point. The first and third lines each have five syllables, and the middle line has seven syllables.

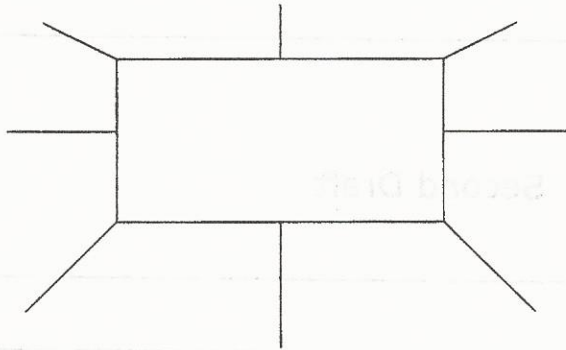
The object of Haiku is to capture a single moment in time, an object, or a feeling, and present it to someone else exactly as you experience it.

**On sweet plum blossoms
The sun rises suddenly.
Look, a mountain path!**
By Basho

**From our barbeque
Drifts smells of the ancestors
Singing to my tongue.**
By Kris Hill

Brainstorm

Choose a topic for your Haiku that you can describe and that made you feel a strong emotion. Pretend you are there again and use the brainstorm to describe what you hear, see, touch, smell, taste, and feel. Use details to make your Haiku come alive.



Topic Ideas

Eating your favorite food
Fishing
Surfing
Looking at the stars
A noise in the dark
A pelican flying
A friend laughing
Getting in trouble
Your first school dance
A sleep over

First Draft

5 syllables _____

7 syllables _____

5 syllables _____

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Revision

Choose three words to replace with more description.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Suggestions from a Peer Editor

What is working? _____

What can be improved? _____

Second Draft
