

Intro to Haiku Poetry

Haiku poems are image poems.

Traditional haiku poems are 3 lines and have a syllable pattern of 5-7-5.

However, the most important thing is that each poem is about using ONE IMAGE (like a still photo) to show ONE IDEA.

Traditional haiku often paint a picture of a SEASON.

Examples of traditional haiku by Basho and others :

**The old pond
A frog jumps in
The sound of water.**

**Coolness of the melons
Flecked with mud
In the morning dew.**

**Awake at night
The sound of the water jar
Cracking in the cold.**

**Cherry blossoms bloom
Softly falling from the tree
Explode into the night.
(Author unknown)**

**All the field hands
enjoy a noontime nap after
the harvest moon.**

**From a skyscraper
The new green leaves
Like parsley
-Takaha Shugyo**

**The disk moon
the disk frozen lake
reflecting each other**

**Fresh scent-
the labrador's muzzle
deeper into snow.
- Lee Gurga**

Be a Poetry Detective

Can you guess which seasons are being described in the haikus?
Remember, ONE IMAGE, ONE IDEA.

Be prepared to support your answers with words from the poem.

Notes:

Challenge: Choose and visualize a haiku from the list above. Write the haiku you've chosen and draw your visualization below.