

## Haiku Poem

The 300-year old Haiku Poem has its own distinct discipline. Haiku is a poetic form and a type of poetry from the Japanese culture. Haiku combines form, content, and language in a meaningful, compact form. Haiku poets, which you will soon be, write about everyday things. Many themes include nature, feelings, or experiences. Usually they use simple words and grammar. Some of the most thrilling Haiku poems describe daily situations in a way that gives the reader a brand-new experience of a well-known situation.

Each complete poem has only three lines, totaling seventeen syllables.

The first line must be five syllables

The second line must be seven syllables

The third line must be five syllables

When these rigid conditions are met, the result can be a very satisfying word picture.

*Now create your own Haiku to describe the living conditions in the Japanese internment camps.*