

Youth Gardening Activities - Garden Poetry

Poetry provides a way to express your feelings and describe everyday things in a unique and personal way.

Haiku

Haiku is a type of poetry that originated in Japan. This poem has three lines; that have five, seven and five syllables each. With this style of poem you want to describe an object or subject in just a few words. Select an object, subject or place and describe how it makes you feel or what you hear and see.

First line: five syllables

Second line: seven syllables

Third line: five syllables

Example:

*Tall beautiful trees
Wind moving the leaves gently
large limbs stretching up*

Cinquain

Cinquain (pronounced sin-cane) is a five line poem that describes and expresses your feelings about a certain subject. Cinquain poems are easily written, often without the writer knowing they are writing poetry.

Take a piece of paper and draw the following blank lines:

Follow these directions to write your poem:

Line 1—Pick a subject, name it with one word

Line 2—Describe the subject with two words

Line 3—Use three words to describe what the subject does
Line 4—Write four words for how you feel about the subject
Line 5—Write another word (one word) for the subject

Example:

Flower

Colorful Beautiful

Bloom Decorate Attract

Admire Love Enjoy Appreciate

Blossom

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