

Haiku Poetry



The ancient art of writing haiku poetry began in Japan, hundreds of years ago

Most haiku poems are about nature, and they have to fit a very specific outline. They are very short, and are only 3 lines long.

The first line has 5 syllables, the second line has 7, and the last line has 5 again. That's all there is to a whole haiku poem. It doesn't even rhyme.

How to Write a Haiku

Think of a topic you'd like to write about. Maybe something lovely in nature, something you like about the seasons, or maybe your favorite animal.

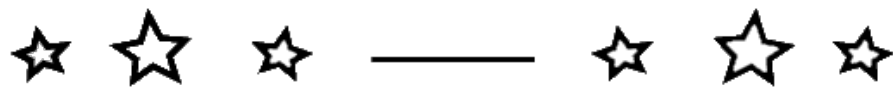
Once you come up with a topic for your poem, start making a list of great descriptive words. Picture a scene in your head and describe it.

Now start putting your ideas together, counting syllables as you go. You can forget about complete sentences. Short phrases are just fine in a haiku, and you want to "show" an image to people who read it.

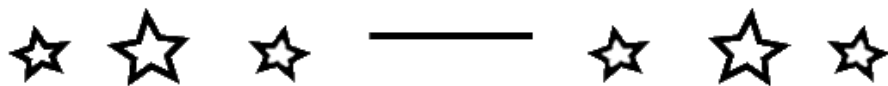
Here is one example of a typical haiku poem:

SPINNING, CHASING TAIL
SOFTNESS PURRING ON MY LAP
CAT HAIR EVERYWHERE

Now use the blank page included to write your own



points of light on black
glowing ball of bright full moon
whoosh, a shooting star





red, orange, and brown
chill days are getting shorter
crunchy leaves around



