

Poetry Activities



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Third Grade

Language Arts Standard Course of Study

2.03 Read a variety of texts including poetry (proverbs, riddles, limericks, simple poems)

3.01 Respond to fiction, nonfiction, and poetry using interpretive, critical, and evaluative processes by considering the differences among genres.

Technology Skills Standard Course of Study

1.04 Demonstrate knowledge of individual's rights of ownership of created works by citing sources.

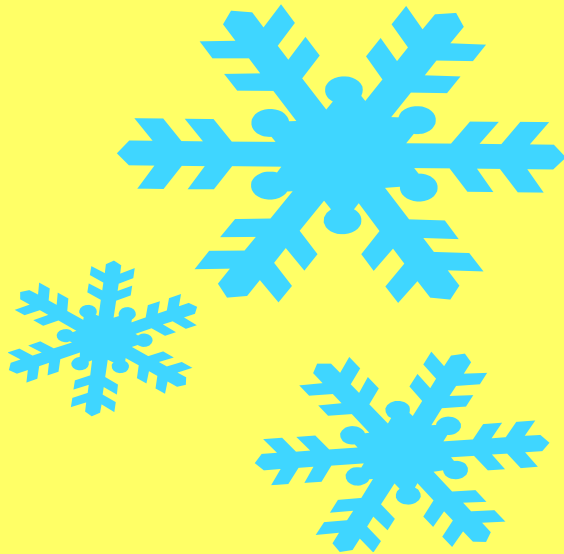


Essential Questions

- What are poems?
- What are some examples of poems?
- What types of rhyme patterns can I find in a poem?



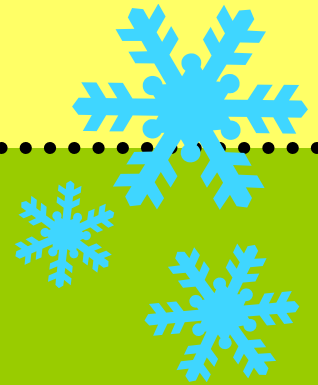
Poems are works of literature that use language in a special way. Poems are usually written in lines that have rhythm. Poems can be rhymed or unrhymed.



Snow Poem

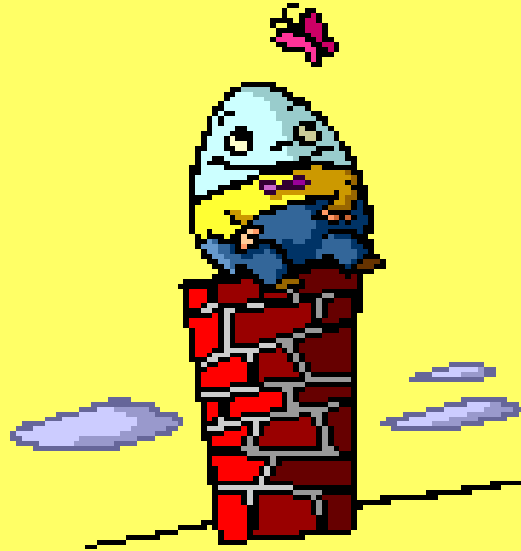
By June Liu

- Stomp and romp.
- Slide and glide.
- Slip and flip.
- Slush and mush.
- It's winter and there's snow
• outside!



Nursery Rhymes

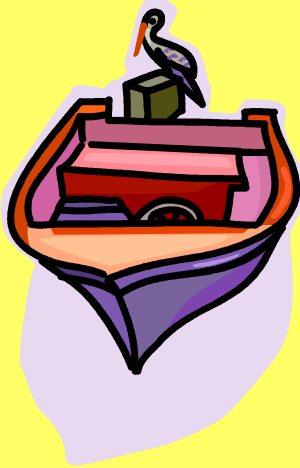
Nursery rhymes are examples of poems that tell little tales.



Think of a nursery rhyme that you know or find one in a book.

Write the nursery rhyme in the usual way. Think of a way that you can rewrite it. Keep the rhythm and rhyme the same, just change the words around and change the ending.

Row, Row, Row Your Boat



Row, row, row your boat
Gently down the stream.
Merrily, merrily, merrily,
merrily,
Life is but a dream.

Row, row, row your
boat

Gently down the river.

Hope you're not too
hungry for lunch

Cause we're eating
liver!

(by Taliyah)



Haiku

(HIGH-coo)

Haiku is a Japanese poem that does not rhyme. It is a poem about a single idea. Haiku topics include flowers, trees, animals, seasons, and weather.

Haiku always has three lines and a total of 17 syllables.

Line 1 - 5 syllables

Line 2 - 7 syllables

Line 3 - 5 syllables



Create your own haiku using the following pattern and picture. Use the sample as a guide.

Line 1 - 5 syllables

Line 2 - 7 syllables

Line 3 - 5 syllables



bright lightning explodes – (5)

black sky turns to pure white light – (7)

thunder to follow – (5)

by jeren

Biopoems

A biopoem is a poem that describes a person in 11 lines.

Read the following biopoem and start thinking of your own biopoem.

Victor

Playful, creative, honest, smart

Son of John A. and Leana M.

Lover of my cat named Mickey, penguins, ice cream

Who feels hungry, sad, playful

Who needs clothes, friends, time alone

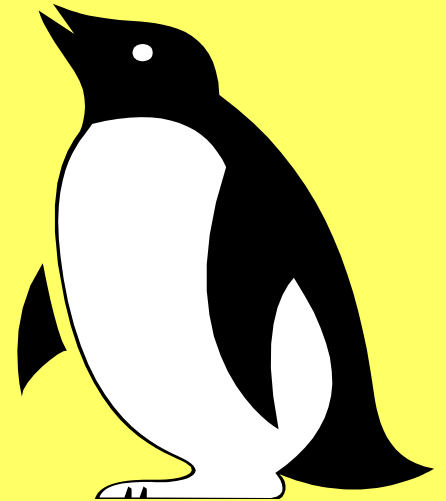
Who gives food, clothes, smiles

Who fears skunks, pain, yelling

Who would like to see Queen Elizabeth, Disneyland, my sister, Maria

Resident of Gastonia

(last name omitted)



Create Your Own Biopoem

- Line 1: Your first name only
- Line 2: Four traits that describe you
- Line 3: Child of.....(son or daughter, sibling...)
- Line 4: "Lover of (3 people or ideas)"
- Line 5: "Who feels (3 items)"
- Line 6: "Who needs (3 items)"
- Line 7: "Who gives (3 items)"
- Line 8: "Who fears (3 items)"
- Line 9: "Who would like to see (3 items)"
- Line 10: "Resident of (your city and state or street name)"
- Line 11: Your last name only



Limericks

A limerick is a short funny poem containing 5 lines.

Lines 1,2, and 5 rhyme.

Line 3 and 4 rhyme.

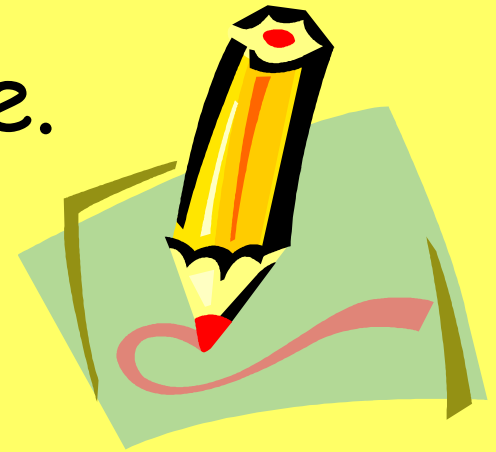
(AABBA pattern)



**There once was a man from the zoo
Who didn't know what he should do
So rather than zoom
He fell on his broom
When he heard the monkey say boo!**
by Andrea

Make someone laugh with your limerick.

Use the following as a guide.



There once was a _____ from _____.

All the while (s)he hoped _____.

So (s)he _____.

And _____.

That _____ from _____.

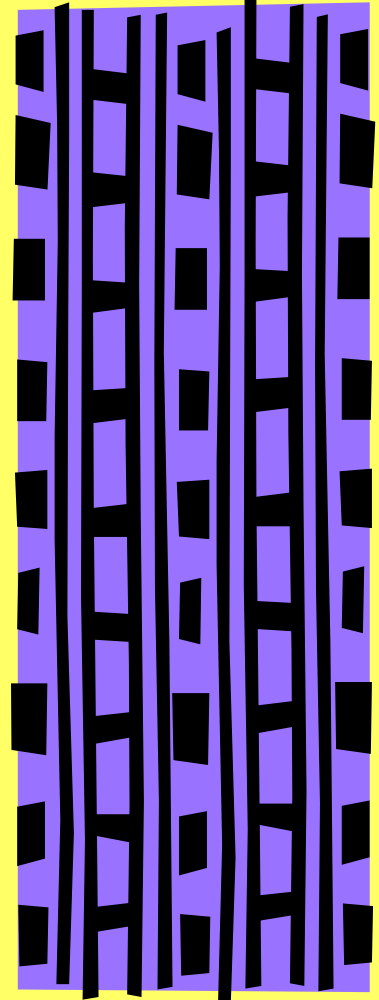
Rhyme Patterns

Poems that rhyme can follow different patterns.

*AABB pattern - Lines 1 and 2 rhyme
Lines 3 and 4 rhyme

*ABAB pattern - Lines 1 and 3 rhyme
Lines 2 and 4 rhyme

*ABBA pattern - Lines 1 and 4 rhyme
Lines 2 and 3 rhyme



Make Up Some Rhyme Patterns of Your Own

Write down some lines for a poem. See if you can make it fit a pattern.

Example: The moon is bright.
 A star glows.
 Little towns doze
 Through the friendly night.



Websites to Visit

www.gigglepoetry.com

www.poetry4kids.com

