



The River Is A Poem

Instructions for students: Use the following poetry forms and examples to help you write your own river poem.

Rules for Cinquain poetry:

Line 1: Title in 2 syllables (or words)

Line 2: Description of the title in 4 syllables (or words)

Line 3: Description of action in 6 syllables (or words)

Line 4: Description of a feeling in 8 syllables (or words)

Line 5: Another word for the title in 2 syllables (or words)

Example:

river
water, wildlife
flowing, rippling, flooding
with grace and strength it rolls to sea
life source

Rules for Diamonte (diamond shaped) poetry:

Line 1: Noun

Line 2: Adjective, Adjective

Line 3: Participle, Participle, Participle

Line 4: Noun, Noun, Noun, Noun

Line 5: Participle, Participle, Participle

Line 6: Adjective, Adjective

Line 7: Noun

Example:

Ecosystem
Large, Complex
Producing, Consuming, Decomposing
Vegetation, Wildlife, Habitat, Niche
Competing, Preying, Interacting
Connected, Universal
Community

Rules for Haiku poetry:

Line 1: 5 syllables

Line 2: 7 syllables

Line 3: 5 syllables

Example:

The snake eats the mouse
Energy, nutrient flow
Will sustain wildlife

Rules for Free Verse poetry:

There are no rules of form or rhyme in free verse poetry.