

# Writing Poetry: Templates for Students

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Enjoy writing poetry!

Name:

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Line 1: Beginning topic:

# Diamante Poem

Line 2: Two adjectives about beginning topic:

Line 3: Three –ing words about beginning topic:

Line 4: Four nouns or a short phrase linking beginning to ending topic:

Line 5: Three –ing words about ending topic:

Line 6: Two adjectives describing ending topic:

Line 7: Ending topic:

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## Cinquain Poem

Line 1: Topic

Line 2: Two adjectives about topic

Line 3: Three -ing words about topic

Line 4: A phrase describing the topic

Line 5: Another word for topic

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### What's a limerick?

Limericks are often humorous, mean-spirited, or vulgar.

Limericks consist of five lines. The rhyme scheme is aabba. In other words, Lines One, Two, and Five all rhyme, and Lines Three and Four rhyme. The rhythm usually follows this pattern: 8, 8, 5, 5, and 7 syllables.

### Here's an example of a funny limerick:

*There once was a fellow named Tim (A)  
whose dad never taught him to swim. (A)  
He fell off a dock (B)  
and sunk like a rock. (B)  
And that was the end of him. (A)*

### Limerick Writing Prompts

Here are some first lines you can use to get you started if you want.

1. There was an unusual boy,
2. There once was a very old dog,
3. A beautiful girl in my town,
4. There was a young woman whose head,
5. Two poets who couldn't agree.

### Write your Own Limerick

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (A)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (A)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ (B)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ (B)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ (A)

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## *How to write a sonnet*

### Directions:

- Sonnets have 14 lines, 10 syllables in each line, and stresses on every other syllable.
- Think of a topic for your sonnet.
- On scratch paper, come up with rhyming words to help your poem.
- Finally, start writing out your sonnet on the lines below!

1. \_\_\_\_\_ A

2. \_\_\_\_\_ B

3. \_\_\_\_\_ A

4. \_\_\_\_\_ B

5. \_\_\_\_\_ C

6. \_\_\_\_\_ D

7. \_\_\_\_\_ C

8. \_\_\_\_\_ D

9. \_\_\_\_\_ E

10. \_\_\_\_\_ F

11. \_\_\_\_\_ E

12. \_\_\_\_\_ F

13. \_\_\_\_\_ G

14. \_\_\_\_\_ G

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What's an acrostic poem?

An acrostic poem is written so that certain letters begin the first letter of each line and form a word or message when read in a sequence.

**Directions:**

- Write a practice acrostic poem using the format below.
- Use the first letter of each line to write a word or phrase that describes the main word going vertically.

*Summer*

*S* \_\_\_\_\_

*U* \_\_\_\_\_

*M* \_\_\_\_\_

*M* \_\_\_\_\_

*E* \_\_\_\_\_

*R* \_\_\_\_\_

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## Couplets

### Directions:

- Write your own series of couplets on a related topic.
- Must be at least 8 lines long (especially if you're going to use it for your Portfolio).
- Remember: a couplet has rhyming stanzas made up of two lines, aa bb cc dd.

*Title:* \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_ A

2. \_\_\_\_\_ A

3. \_\_\_\_\_ B

4. \_\_\_\_\_ B

5. \_\_\_\_\_ C

6. \_\_\_\_\_ C

7. \_\_\_\_\_ D

8. \_\_\_\_\_ D

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## Quatrains

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### Directions:

- Write your own series of quatrains on a related topic.
- Must be at least 8 lines long (especially if you're going to use it for your Portfolio).
- Remember: a quatrain has rhyming stanzas made up of four lines, abab, cdcd.

*Title:* \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_ A

2. \_\_\_\_\_ B

3. \_\_\_\_\_ A

4. \_\_\_\_\_ B

5. \_\_\_\_\_ C

6. \_\_\_\_\_ D

7. \_\_\_\_\_ C

8. \_\_\_\_\_ D



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## Haikus

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### Directions:

- Write your own series of haikus on a related topic.
- Must be at least 8 lines long if you're going to use it for your Portfolio
- Remember: haikus are non-rhyming poems with a set of 5-7-5 syllables and are often written about nature/the seasons.

*Title:* \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_

8. \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_