

HAIKU POETRY WRITING

Introduce

What can your students tell you about poetry?

Introduce haiku form. Read examples. (*Birds, Frogs, and Moonlight* by Sylvia Cassedy) What do they notice?

Haiku poems are a Japanese form of poetry with seventeen unrhymed syllables organized into three lines—five syllables, seven syllables, five syllables. They focus on images in the natural world.

Shared writing

Discuss what students have experienced on the trails so far during ABNL.

Choose a subject for a haiku. List words and phrases on chart paper to describe the subject. Another idea is to have students come up with verbs, adjectives, and adverbs. The goal is to create vivid images rather than composing sentences.

Together, practice putting these words and images into haiku form.

Independent writing

Students can practice writing their own haikus as a journaling activity during their observation time or right after the shared writing time. Parents love helping with this activity! And students enjoy illustrating their poems.