

5 W's

Example:

(Who?) Our elected representative, Ms. Ludlaw

(What?) Pumping voter's hands

(How?) As if they were slot-machine levers

(When?) Tuesday, after school.

(Why?) Next month, election.

ACROSTIC POETRY

Start with your name, your pet's name, a name of your favorite team, etc. Think up an important word (like spaghetti) or phrase (like The cat's pajama's) and list it vertically down the left side of the page. You will use the letters of your acrostic word(s) as the first letters of lines.

One word per line example:

Sixteen
peppers
actually
grew . . .

Longer line example:

Sundays her mother felt the
powerful force of loss
as she minced Melissa's
garlic, rubbed coarse salt . . .

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Line 1 - a one word title

Line 2 - a 2 word phrase that describes your title or you can just use two words

Line 3 - a 3 word phrase that describes an action relating to your title or just actions words

Line 4 - a 4 word phrase that describes a feeling relating to your topic or just feeling words

Line 5 - one word that refers back to your title

Line 1 - two syllables

Line 2 - four syllables

Line 3 - six syllables

Line 4 - eight syllables

Line 5 - two syllables

Three Word Forms

Each line of this form is made up of three words. The last two words become the first two words in the next line. In the poem, there will be a progress of images and a story will be told.

MORNINGS

sleep, alarm, awake
alarm, awake, shower
awake, shower, clothes
shower, clothes, shoes
clothes, shoes, dog
shoes, dog, run
dog, run, breakfast
run, breakfast, sunrise
breakfast, sunrise, car
sunrise, car, work.

FOOTBALL

ball, snap, run
snap, run, tackle
run, tackle, sack
tackle, sack, pass
sack, pass, catch
pass, catch, 1st down
catch, 1st down, touchdown.

Sense Poems

Think of a place that is special. Form an image in your mind of this place. If you need to, cluster this image. Then complete the following statements.

- a. I see _____
- b. I smell _____
- c. I hear _____
- d. I feel _____
- e. I taste _____
- f. I think _____

I see the sage-covered desert
I smell the freshness of the morning
I hear the scream of the hawk
I feel the caress of a breeze
I taste the dew on the wind
I think the new day is born

After you have written out the sentences, remove the pronouns, verbs, and articles as you need to:

sage-covered desert
freshness of morning
scream of the hawk
caress of a breeze
dew of the wind
new day born

Auto-Bio Poem

- Line 1: Your first name Nancy
- Line 2: Four descriptive traits
Honest, caring, curious, energetic
- Line 3: Sibling of... Sister of Kenneth
- Line 4: Lover of (people, ideas)
Laughter,
learning, challenge
- Line 5: Who feels... Joy when traveling
- Line 6: Who needs... Sunshine every day
- Line 7: Who gives
Friendship,
encouragement, and
smiles
- Line 8: Who fears... Pain, hunger, and
the end of summer
- Line 9: Who would like to see... Contentment
for all living things
- Line 10: Resident of (your city) Phoenix
- Line 11: Your last name Haugen