

9 Poetry Writing Guides



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These student friendly writing guides will help students learn how to write 9 different types of poems.

- Acrostic Poems
- Bio Poems
- Cinquain Poems
- Concrete Poems
- Diamante Poems
- Free Verse Poems
- Haiku Poems
- Limericks
- Odes



No Prep Resource

Build Your Background Knowledge
Before you start writing your bio poem, you need to know what a bio poem is and how to write one.

Characteristics of Bio Poems

- A bio poem is written to describe a person.
- A bio poem always has 10 lines and follows the same format. It can help you understand characters you are reading about.
- Line 1: Person's first name
- Line 2: 3-4 Adjectives that describe the person
- Line 3: An important relationship
- Line 4: Things the person loves
- Line 5: Feelings the person has
- Line 6: Fear the person has
- Line 7: Accomplishments
- Line 8: Hopes and dreams
- Line 9: Where the person was born and/or lives
- Line 10: Person's last name

Example of a Bio Poem

Hopi
Brave, Determined, Mischievous, Truthworthy
Son of Lily and James Porter
Who loved baseball, basketball, and his friends
Who felt at home in hospitals
Who feared darkness and fear itself
Who defeated Voldemort and the dark wizard
Who wanted wizards to use their powers for good
Born in Queens, New York and living in London
Porter

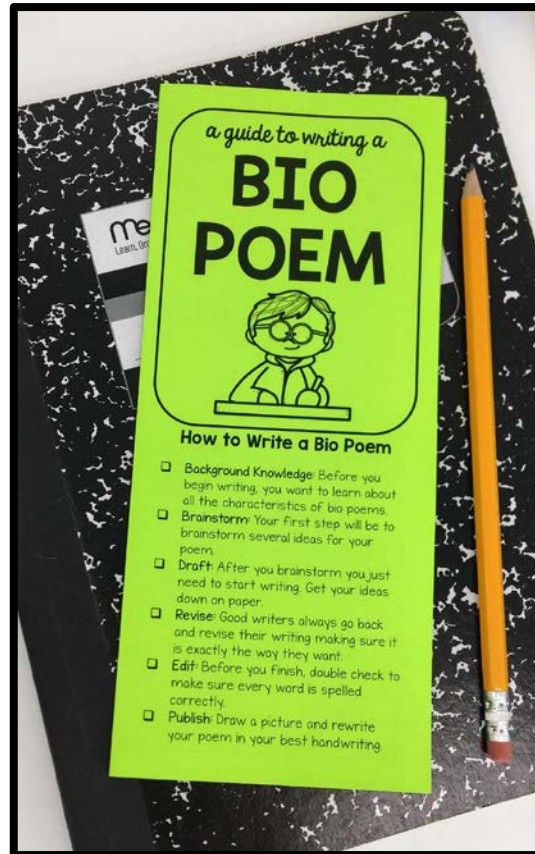
Brainstorm Your Ideas
Before you begin writing your bio poem, take some time to think about the person you are going to write about. A bio poem follows a specific format and you want to make sure you follow the rules for writing bio poems. Use the space below to brainstorm ideas for your poem.

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Create Your First Draft
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Drafting My Bio Poem


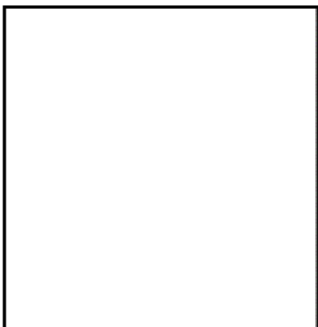

Son/daughter of _____
 who _____
 who _____
 who _____
 who _____
 who _____
 who _____
 who _____
 born in _____ living in _____



- This product is the perfect addition to your Poetry Unit.
- There is no prep work required by you.
- You can print these writing guides, give them to the students, and they will become instant poets.

**Print the two page guide.
Copy front and back.
Fold and give to students.**

Poetry Guide - Outside

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- ❖ Includes how to steps that follow the writing process.
- ❖ Includes a space for students to publish their poem and draw a picture.
- ❖ Includes a panel with background knowledge and an example poem.
- ❖ The information and sample poem included in each guide corresponds to the information and sample poems included in my [Poetry Anchor Charts](#). These writing guides would be the perfect companion to those anchor charts.



Poetry Guide - Inside

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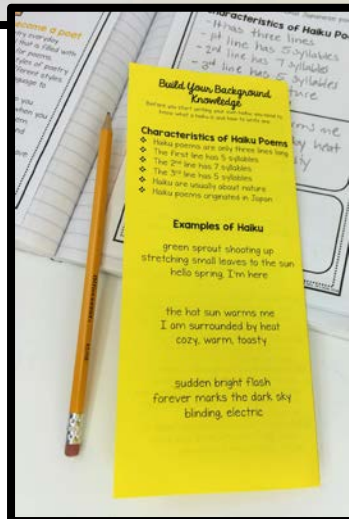
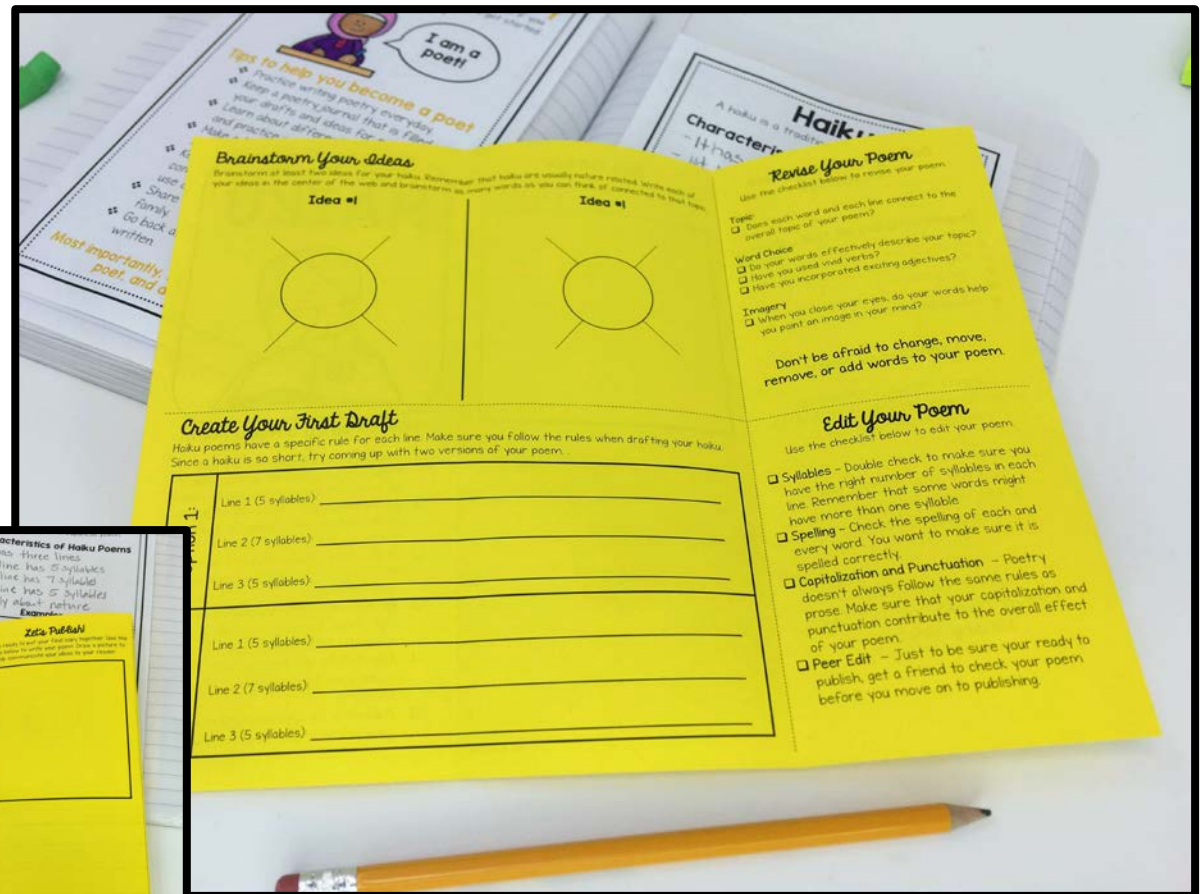
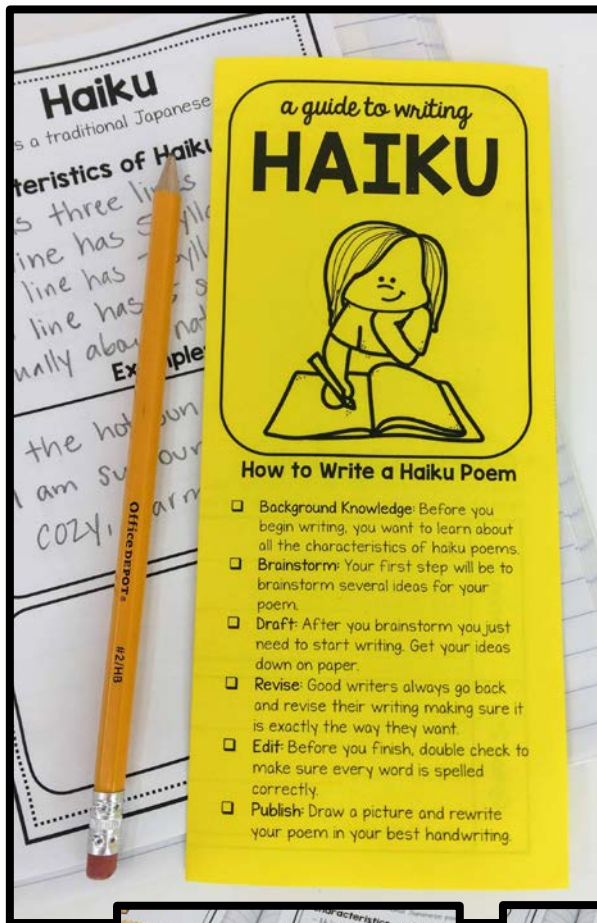
❖ These guides are perfect for students who are lacking confidence as writers or who don't enjoy poetry.

❖ Includes a revising checklist.

❖ Includes an editing checklist.



Gives students everything they need to write poetry.



Build Your Background Knowledge

Before you start writing your own haiku, you need to know what a haiku is and how to write one.

Characteristics of Haiku Poems

- ❖ Haiku poems are only three lines long
- ❖ The first line has 5 syllables
- ❖ The 2nd line has 7 syllables
- ❖ The 3rd line has 5 syllables
- ❖ Haiku are usually about nature
- ❖ Haiku poems originated in Japan

Examples of Haiku

green sprout shooting up
stretching small leaves to the sun
hello spring, I'm here

the hot sun warms me
I am surrounded by heat
cozy, warm, toasty

a sudden bright flash
forever marks the dark sky
blinding, electric

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a guide to writing

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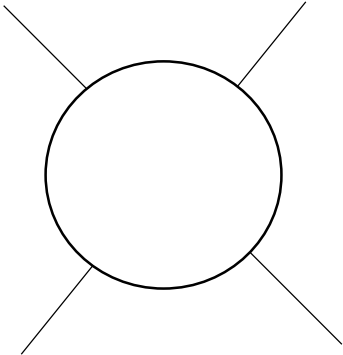
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- ❑ **Background Knowledge:** Before you begin writing, you want to learn about all the characteristics of haiku poems.
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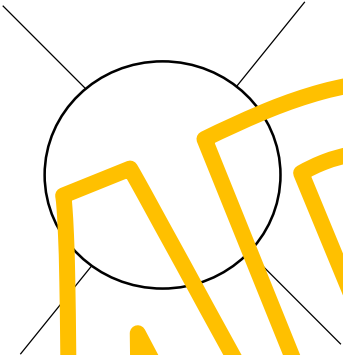
Brainstorm Your Ideas

Brainstorm at least two ideas for your haiku. Remember that haiku are usually nature related. Write each of your ideas in the center of the web and brainstorm as many words as you can think of connected to that topic.

Idea #1



Idea #2



Revise Your Poem

Use the checklist below to revise your poem.

Topic:

- ☐ Does each word and each line connect to the overall topic of your poem?

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- ☐ Do your words effectively describe your topic?
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Imagery

- ☐ When you close your eyes, do your words help you paint an image in your mind?

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Create Your First Draft

Haiku poems have a specific rule for each line. Make sure you follow the rules when drafting your haiku. Since a haiku is so short, try coming up with two versions of your poem.

Option 1:	Line 1 (5 syllables): _____ Line 2 (7 syllables): _____ Line 3 (5 syllables): _____
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Edit Your Poem

Use the checklist below to edit your poem.

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scary, spooky
tricking, treating, running
candy, costumes, ghouls, ghosts
screaming, screeching, howling
creepy, chilling
Halloween



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