

Poetry Packet

When creating your poems, you must do the following:

- Label each poem with its type. (Haiku, Acrostic, etc.)
 - You **MUST** have a title for each poem.
 - Follow the directions carefully for each of your chosen poems.
 - You will have 8 poems in total.
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Haiku—Set of Three

Haiku is a short, unrhymed poem based on a single image. Traditional Japanese Haiku focused on nature, but you don't have to. The poems are 3 lines with a 5-7-5 pattern. This means 5 syllables in the first line, 7 syllables in the second line, and 5 syllables in the last line.

Example:

In the Chinese vase
Flowers lose petals softly
Waiting for water

Or

School in the winter
Is fine but then the spring comes
And I want to play

Acrostic poem:

Take a word (at least 7 letters long) and create a poem that has to do with that word by creating a sentence beginning with each letter.

Life whispers by like a dream.
I hear the sounds of laughter.
Sounds of friends playing
Then growing and leaving.
Even though they are friends now
Nothing lasts forever, so listen.
In the distance
No one stays forever. They're
Gone before you know it.

If I Were

If I Were in Charge of the World
~Judith Viorst

If I were in charge of the world
I'd cancel oatmeal,
Monday mornings,
Allergy shots, and also Sara
Steinberg.

If I were in charge of the world
There'd be brighter night lights,
Healthier hamsters, and
Basketball baskets forty-eight
inches lower.

If I were in charge of the world
You wouldn't have lonely.
You wouldn't have clean.
You wouldn't have bedtimes,
or "Don't punch your sister."
You wouldn't even have sisters.

If I were in charge of the world
A chocolate sundae with whipped
Cream and nuts would be a
vegetable.
All 007 movies would be G,
And a person who sometimes
forgot to brush,
And sometimes forgot to flush,
Would still be allowed to be
In charge of the world.

**Write your own poem using the
format below.**

If I were in charge of the world
I'd cancel _____,
_____,
_____, and also
_____.

If I were in charge of the world
There would be
_____,
_____, and
_____.

If I were in charge of the world
You wouldn't have
_____.
You wouldn't have
_____.
You wouldn't have
_____,
or "_____."
You wouldn't even have
_____.

If I were in charge of the world

_ would be a vegetable.

And a person who sometimes
forgot to _____,
And sometimes forgot to
_____,
Would still be allowed to be
in charge of the world.

'I Am' poem

Example:

I Am Hopeless
by S. O'Rourke

I am a strong woman who still feels.
I wonder when it will stop hurting.
I see the laughter around me and
I want to join in.
I am a strong woman who still feels.

I pretend that nothing will ever hurt
me again.
I feel my heart shattering like glass
thrown at the wall.
I touch those shards and feel my
fingers bleed.
I worry that my life is truly pointless.
I cry when no one is near to hear my
plea for help.
I am a strong woman who still feels.

I understand that I will never stop
hurting.
I say, "Why won't it stop?"
I dream of blackness and cool air.
I try to find my dreams.
I hope someone stops me.
I am a weak woman who feels
nothing.

I Am poem

I am (2 characteristics)
I wonder
I see
I want
I am (repeat the first lines of the
poem)

I pretend
I feel
I touch
I worry
I cry
I am (repeat the first line of the
poem)

I understand
I say
I dream
I try
I hope
I am (repeat the first line of the
poem)

*Make the poem your own. Change
things around if you need to. Do
NOT skip lines or turn in a partially
completed poem- it will not be
accepted

Spine Poem

Directions:

Take the title of your favorite book (or movie or song) that **is 5 words (or more) long** and use each of the words as the beginning of a line in your instant poem. For example, use the instant poetry form below to make a spine poem using the book title, **Where the Wild Things Are**. The sample is for the book **The Old Man and the Sea**.

Where do I go when I need someone to talk to?
The only place I can think of is a
Wild forest filled with creatures and
Things that bring me peace because they
Are all in my imagination

Septet Poem

Line 1: three syllables
 Line 2: five syllables
 Line 3: seven syllables
 Line 4: nine syllables
 Line 5: seven syllables
 Line 6: five syllables
 Line 7: three syllables

Sample:
 Computer
 Sleek and black and fast
 Open Internet highway
 Shrinks the world to a very small
 place
 Point and click and point and click
 The site fills the screen
 Home online

Bio-Poem

Method:
 Line 1: I wish I
 Line 2: Like
 Line 3: And I dream
 Line 4: I am
 Line 5: I used to
 Line 6: But now I
 Line 7: I seem to
 Line 8: But I'm really

Sample:
 I wish I could sing
 Like Sheryl Crow
 And I dream sad story songs
 I am hitting high notes
 I used to softly hum along
 But now I've found her voice in mine
 I seem to be a mimic
 But I'm really uniquely me

Some of My Best Friends are Metaphors Poem

Directions:

Think of a friend, someone who you know very well. Try to write down a list of ten objects that remind you of your friend. Now try to turn the list into a poem. This strategy could also lead to an instant poem about a member of your family, a teacher or even one of your pets.

Method: Choose a **she** or a **he**

Samples:

She is Calico Corners and country kitchens

She is the smelly soap store

She is a summer stroll on the boardwalk

She is the bash at Sym's

She is a convertible with the top down

She is a gold bracelet that shines

She is an autumn wreath on the front door

She is fabric by the yard

She is a framed watercolor painting

She is my best friend

Best Friend

She is an old tree trunk where we hide our secret notes

She is penny chews bought from the old lady's penny tray

She is sardines and cake for tea on Wednesdays

She is her mum, still very tall to my small

She is dancing classes on Saturday mornings

when we can't go out to play

She is Dandy the beagle who we walk by the river

She is funny extra teeth that will have to come out before long

She is a window full of jewels in her dad's shop near the cathedral

She is my best friend

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