

The Poet's Gallery

Objective: Create a polished masterpiece for our upcoming Poetry Showcase. You choose the styles! Choose **two** of the styles (Acrostic, Haiku, or Limerick) to write poems for our gallery.

Type	The "Rule"	The Vibe
Acrostic	Topic word is written vertically. Each line starts with that letter.	Great for describing a person, place, or thing.
Haiku	3 lines with a 5-7-5 syllable count.	Like a "mental photograph" of nature or a moment.
Limerick	5 lines with an AABBA rhyme scheme.	Bouncy, rhythmic, and usually very funny.

Part 2: Style Refresher (The Rules)1. The Haiku (5-7-5)

- Line 1: 5 syllables
- Line 2: 7 syllables
- Line 3: 5 syllables
- *Tip: Use your fingers/hands to "clap out" the beats!*

2. The Limerick (AABBA)

- Lines 1, 2, and 5 rhyme (Long lines). 7-10 syllables
- Lines 3 and 4 rhyme (Short lines). 5-7 syllables
- *Rhythm: da-DUM da-da-DUM da-da-DUM.*

3. The Acrostic

- Write your word downward.
- **S**now is falling
- **N**ow it is cold...
- *Tip: You don't have to rhyme here—focus on great adjectives!*

Part 3: Showcase Success Checklist

Before you hand your poems in, make sure you can check off every box:

- [] **Followed the Rules:** My poems fit the syllable or rhyme rules of my chosen styles.
- [] **Title:** I gave my poems creative, original titles.
- [] **Sensory Details:** I used at least two words that describe a **sight, sound, or feeling**.
- [] **The "Showcase Look":** My poem is neatly written or typed.

- [] **Illustration:** I added a border, a drawing, or a photo that matches the poem.
 - [] **Editing:** I used a spell-checker or dictionary to fix any "oops" moments.
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Part 4: Brainstorming (Drafting Space)

Use this space to test out your rhymes and counts!

My Topic: _____

My Poem Style: _____

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The Poet's Gallery: Writing Prompts

1. The "Invisible" Hero Write a poem about a person (or even an object!) that works hard but rarely gets thanked.

- *Idea:* A lighthouse, a pair of worn-out sneakers, or the person who cleans the school.

2. The First Bite: Describe the exact moment you taste your favorite food (or your least favorite!).

- *Idea:* The sting of a sour lemon, the warmth of a gooey grilled cheese, or a cold burst of watermelon.

3. Through the Keyhole: Imagine you found a tiny door in the back of your closet. What is on the other side?

- *Idea:* A forest made of candy, a city under the sea, or a world where everything is upside down.

4. The Championship Moment: Focus on the three seconds before a big moment in a game or hobby.

- *Idea:* Standing at the free-throw line, waiting for the music to start at a dance recital, or holding your breath during a tough level in a video game.

5. If My Pet Could Talk: Write from the perspective of an animal watching your family go about their day.

- *Idea:* A cat wondering why humans stare at "glowing rectangles" all day, or a dog waiting for the "magic word" (WALK!).