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Types of Poems

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| 1. The first word of each line of the poem starts with a letter of the alphabet in order. These poems usually have five lines, starting with A and ending with E. | A. ABC/Alphabetic |
| 2. The first letter of the first word of each line spells a word. | B. Concrete |
| 3. Tell a story in a “dance song” format. This type of poem uses four line quatrain stanzas with an ABCB rhyme scheme where lines two and four rhyme. | C. Free Verse |
| 4. A five-line poem with a specific pattern. Line 1 has one word and is the title. Line 2 describes the title in two words. Line 3 uses three words to express action. Line 4 uses four words to express a feeling. Line 5 uses one word that restates the title. | D. Ballad |
| 5. Takes the Shape of the topic of the poem. | E. Haiku |
| 6. Written without a specific rhyme or rhythm pattern. It is very conversational and uses the author’s senses to add detail. The rules of grammar are often broken in this type of poetry through the omission of punctuation or capitalization. | F. Quatrain |
| 7. A three-line poem that has 5 syllables in line one, 7 syllables in line two, and 3 syllables in line three. The lines do not rhyme. | G. Lyric |
| 8. Musical in Verse while showing emotion. | H. Cinquain |
| 9. Tells a story in stanzas instead of paragraphs. These were often passed down in ancient times through oral tradition. | I. Acrostic |
| 10. Celebrates a person, animal or object without the constraints of formal structure or rhyme. | J. Narrative |
| 11. A four-line poem or stanza with the rhyme scheme AABB or ABAB. | K. Ode |