

TYPES OF POETRY

1. HAIKU is a form of Japanese poetry. The pattern for Haiku is the following:

Line 1 has 5 syllables

Line 2 has 7 syllables

Line 3 has 5 syllables

2. CINQUAIN poems have five lines and the following pattern:

Line 1 is the subject and is one word

Line 2 has two adjectives that describe the subject

Line 3 has three “ing” words that show the action of the subject

Line 4 has four words that express a feeling about the subject

Line 5 has a synonym for the subject and is also one word

3. DIAMONTE poems have seven lines and the following pattern:

Line 1 is the subject and is one word

Line 2 has two adjectives that describe the subject

Line 3 has three “ing” words that show the action of the subject

Line 4 has four words that express a feeling about the subject

Line 5 has three more “ing” words that show the action of the subject

Line 6 has two more adjectives that describe the subject

Line 7 has a synonym for the subject

4. NAME POEMS use a name to begin each line of the poem.

For example: Jean

Jean is a sweet girl
Every weekend she helps her mother clean house
And she baby-sits with her brother
Naturally, everyone admires her

5. ADJECTIVE POEMS are poems that describe a subject. They repeat the previous line and add another adjective. They can be of any length. The last line is the conclusion and gives an explanation of the subject and the adjectives given in the poem. Many times the last line is humorous.

For example:

Baseball
Round baseball
Round, hard baseball
Round, hard, fast baseball
Headed towards me!