

Cinquains

The cinquain poem is a good way to introduce poetry to your students. Its highly structured form offers support for emerging young poets. They can be adapted to meet the capabilities of your students. They can follow one of the three styles below.

Line1: One word Line2: Two words Line 3: Three words Line 4: Four words Line 5: One word	Line1: A noun Line2: Two adjectives Line 3: Three -ing words Line 4: A phrase Line 5: Another word for the noun	Line1: Two syllables Line2: Four syllables Line 3: Six syllables Line 4: Eight syllables Line 5: Two syllables
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You can start with an easy topic like a cat.



cat
sneaky lazy
sleeping creeping playing
chases mice and birds
feline

Choose and adapt the style of cinquain that best fits your students. The goal is to get your students interested in writing their own poetry.