

# Taboo Poems

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Brainstorm 5 things to write about  
(people, place, event, thing)

2. Circle the item that calls out to you most.

3. Write 10-15 words that best  
describe the item you chose:

4. Read over the words listed below.

You are NOT allowed to use any of these words when you write your poem:

## Weak Helper Verbs

is	be able	does	gotten
are	become	has	can
was	seem	have	could
were	do	had	would
be	did	got	should

## Vague/Unnecessary Modifiers

very	nice	quietly
really	ugly	delicious
pretty	quickly	
beautiful	slowly	

5. Write a poem on the back of this paper following these guidelines:

- ⇒ Make it about the item you chose in step 2 above.
- ⇒ Make it 15-30 lines long.
- ⇒ Use 1 poetic technique (end rhyme, alliteration, rhythm, repetition).
- ⇒ Do NOT use any of the words listed in step 3 and 4 above.