



# Different Types of Poetry


# Epitaph

- ✓ A short poem, saying or other message on a gravestone in memory of a deceased person.
- ✓ EX: For Mary Fowler, 1792, age 24, Milford, CT
  - ✓ Molly tho' pleasant in her day
  - ✓ Was suddenly seized and went away
  - ✓ How soon she's ripe, how soon she's rotten
  - ✓ Laid in her grave and soon forgotten.

# Haiku

- ✓ A haiku is a simple poem typically about nature or scenery.
- ✓ A haiku has three lines and 17 syllables
- ✓ Line 1: 5 syllables
- ✓ Line 2: 7 syllables
- ✓ Line 3: 5 syllables

# Examples of a Haiku



Cruel autumn wind  
Cutting to the very bones  
Of my poor scarecrow

Mirror-pond of stars;  
Suddenly a summer shower  
Dimples the water

# Couplet Poetry



- ✓ A couplet poem is a 2 line verse that rhyme.
- ✓ A Poem can be made up of couplets throughout the whole poem.

# Examples of Couplets



1. Twinkle Twinkle little star  
How I wonder what you are
2. The bird sang in the tree  
It sang tooroo, tooree
3. My Country tis of thee  
Sweet land of liberty

# Quatrain Poems



- ✓ Quatrains are four line poems that may follow any of one of the four different rhyme schemes. (ABAB, AABB, ABBA, ABCA)
- ✓ When Quatrains begin to make up a long poem the quatrains are then called stanzas.

# Example of a Quatrain



The rushing ocean waves  
Beat harshly on the sand.  
They roar and crash and foam  
As they break upon the land.



# The Sonnet



- ✓ The word sonnet means “a little sound or song”.
- ✓ A sonnet is a highly-structured 14 line poem that explores deeply felt issues such as the fleeting nature of love and the aching questions of mortality.
- ✓ A traditional sonnet has 14 lines, each of which is written in iambic pentameter.
  - ✓ That is each line has 5 metric units or feet, and each foot consists of an unstressed syllable followed by a stressed syllable.

# The Sonnet



- ✓ Sonnets have a set rhyme scheme based on the last words in each line. You assign a rhyme scheme by giving each line a letter, in alphabetical order, to each new sound at the end of the lines.
- ✓ Lines that end in the same sound should be assigned the same letter.

# How to Read a Sonnet




1. Read a sonnet 3 times
2. First read it silently for content
3. Second read it aloud to hear the meter and rhyme scheme
4. Third read it to discover the “puzzle” of the poem- the problem the poet is trying solve or the issue the poet is trying to explore. The look for the “turns” where the poet shifts focus and begins to explore solutions

# Blank Verse

- ✓ **Blank Verse is Poetry that is written in unrhymed iambic pentameter.**
- ✓ **Example of Blank Verse**
- ✓ **Excerpt from Macbeth by William Shakespeare**

Tomorrow, and tomorrow, and tomorrow,  
Creeps in this petty pace from day to day,  
To the last syllable of recorded time;  
And all our yesterdays have lighted fools  
The way to dusty death. Out, out, brief candle!  
Life's but a walking shadow, a poor player  
That struts and frets his hour upon the stage  
And then is heard no more: it is a tale  
Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury,  
Signifying nothing.

# Bio Poem



✓ A bio poem is used to focus on the characteristics of a person or animal.

- ✓ Line 1: First Name
- ✓ Line 2: 4 Descriptive Traits
- ✓ Line 3: Sibling of...
- ✓ Line 4: Lover of...
- ✓ Line 5: Who fears...
- ✓ Line 6: Who need
- ✓ Line 7: Who gives
- ✓ Line 8: Who would like to see...
- ✓ Line 9: Resident of...
- ✓ Line 10: Last Name

# Bio Poem Example



Tom

Tall, Tasty, Feathery, Vicious

Sibling of Clucky Chicken and Big Bird,

Lover of vegetarians and ham eaters,

Fears Mr. Butterball and pilgrims,

Needs to run around,

Gives nourishment and left overs,

Would like to see birds unite and revolt,

Resident of Old MacDonald's Farm,

Turkey

# Cinquain Poem



- ✓ A cinquain is a 5 line poem or stanza
- ✓ Line 1: a word title
- ✓ Line 2: a 2 word phrase that describes your title, or just use 2 words
- ✓ Line 3: a 3 word phrase that describes an action relating to your title
- ✓ Line 4: A 4 word phrase that describes a feeling relating to your title.
- ✓ Line 5: 1 word that refers back to your title

# Example of a Cinquain



Hamster

Cute, Soft

Fat, Noisy, Furry

Small, Colorful, Playful, Hungry

Hamster



# Diamante or Diamond Poem



- ✓ A Diamond Poem compares/ contrasts 2 opposite things/ objects
- ✓ A Diamond Poem is composed of 7 lines, each line specific for a certain aspect of the poem similar to a Cinquain.

# Format for a Diamond Poem



Line 1: One word Noun

Line 2: Two adjectives describing that noun

Line 3: Three Verbs that the noun does

Line 4: 4 Things- 2 for the top noun, 2 for the bottom noun

Line 5: Three verbs for the bottom noun

Line 6: Two adjectives that describe the bottom noun

Line 7: One word noun

# Example of a Diamond Poem



Cat

Furry, Silky

Sleeping, Purring, Meowing

Tail, Fur, Tongue, Collar

Barking, Playing, Licking

Friendly, Big

Dog