

## Haiku

The Haiku is a form of Japanese poetry dating back nearly a thousand years. Focusing on nature, a haiku must be exactly 17 syllables in length, and is written in the present tense about the present moment. This poem is meant to give your reader a pure snapshot of your topic/subject. See below for the complete haiku rules, an example and your own planning chart.

### Haiku Rules:

1. The poem must focus on nature.
2. The poem includes some type of seasonal word or phrase, directly (*summer, rain*) or indirectly (*snow fluttered*); and some sensory image (*smell, sound, touch, sight*).
3. The poem has three lines and the total syllable count for the three lines must be 17 and follow these rules:
  - The first line must have five syllables.
  - The second line must have seven syllables.
  - The third line must have five syllables.

### Haiku Examples:

#### The Sun

So large and glowing  
Outside the sun surrounds me  
Heating my body

#### Ocean

Waves crashing ashore  
A blanket over the world  
Creatures call it home

### Haiku Planner:

Brainstorm some possible subjects for your haiku:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Title)

\_\_\_\_\_ (5 syllables)

\_\_\_\_\_ (7 syllables)

\_\_\_\_\_ (5 syllables)

