

HAIKU

Language Arts Student Worksheet

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JAPAN: HAIKU

Haiku is a type of Japanese poetry. Haiku are short poems that have a total of 17 syllables and usually have three lines; the first line has five syllables, the second line has seven syllables, and the third line has five syllables. The first two lines describe the subject; the third line conveys the heart of the matter.

Haiku usually describes nature and a fleeting moment in time; it often contains a reference to a season of the year. Haiku was developed in Japan over 400 years ago. It was popularized by the poet Matsuo Basho in the 1600s.



*Haiku, a poem,
Five, seven, five syllables.
Life frozen in words.*



Write your own Haiku below:

