

# Poetry

Poetry writing is at the height of creative writing. Poetry allows students to express thoughts, ideas, and impressions. It incorporates pattern, rhythm, and it can evoke feeling and emotion. Because of these characteristics, poetry writing can be difficult for younger or less experienced writers. Be sure to use plenty of modeling and allow students to work together when needed.

The poetry writing prompts ask students to write a variety of poetry. Some of the prompts ask for general poems, acrostic poems, alphabet poems, haiku, limericks, or cinquains. These forms of poetry will need to be discussed and taught before students use the writing prompts. The prompts are an excellent reinforcement and practice after teaching poetry lessons.



## Narrative

Can you think of a situation when you showed kindness to another person? How about a time when you witnessed someone else being kind to another person? Choose one of these times and write a story about what happened. What was the kindness? How did the person respond to the act of kindness? How did you feel about it? Be sure to include specific details in your narrative.



## Expository

What is your favorite breakfast? Create a menu for this favorite meal. Explain how to make all the dishes on this menu. What ingredients do you need? Is the breakfast baked in the oven? If so, to what temperature should the oven be set and how long should the breakfast dish be baked? Is there another appliance involved? Are there any special instructions on how to use this appliance? Do you need to use a kitchen tool? Think through the process before writing it so that you do not forget any steps.



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Write a haiku about a thundering rainstorm that you have experienced. Write about the colors, the sounds, and the feeling in the air. Remember to include a title for your haiku.

