

POETRY PATTERNS

CINQUAIN

A cinquain is a five-lined poem.

- Line 1: The topic
- Line 2: Two describing words (adjectives)
- Line 3: Three –ing words about what the topic does
- Line 4: A four-word thought about the topic
- Line 5: A synonym for the topic

DIAMONTE

A diamonte is a seven-lined poem. It makes a comparison of two opposites like war/peace, integration/segregation, or prejudice/acceptance.

- Line 1: The topic
- Line 2: Two describing words for the first topic (adjectives)
- Line 3: Three –ing words about what the first topic does
- Line 4: A four-word thought about the first topic
- Line 5: Three –ing words about what the second topic does
- Line 6: Two describing words for the second topic (adjectives)
- Line 7: The second topic

HAIKU

Haiku is a three-lined, unrhymed Japanese poem. Each line has the designated number of syllables.

- Line 1: 5 syllables
- Line 2: 7 syllables
- Line 3: 5 syllables

FREE VERSE POEM

A free verse poem is whatever you want it to be.