

Forms for Poetic Reflection: Haiku and Cinquain

A *haiku* poem is a "picture poem" that doesn't rhyme, and it has three lines with 17 beats:

Line 1 has 5 beats

Line 2 has 7 beats

Line 3 has 5 beats

Sample:

Katrina Relief

Too much water, wind

Crashing on all the people.

From afar, we help.

A *cinquain* is a five-line poem that does not rhyme and is set up like this:

Line 1 is a single word (usually a noun)

Line 2 has two words (usually 2 adjectives)

Line 3 has three words (usually verbs ending in *-ing*)

Line 4 has a descriptive 4-word phrase

Line 5 is a single word (usually a synonym for the first word or repeats it)

Sample:

Global Community

Giving

Heart, mind

Sharing, caring, empowering

Helps our global community

Love

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