

Grade 6 English Language Arts
Week of February 16 – February 19

Lesson 4: Writing a Quatrain

Building Creative Thinking Through Quatrains

What do you dream of? Your wishes? Your hopes for the future?

- for yourself
- for your family
- for children
- for animals
- for the environment
- for the arts
- for science, technology, or nature,
- for your country or the world.



How are people's dreams impacted by the personal experiences and background?

- A teacher may have this dream: "I dream a world where powerful books capture children."
- A United Nations leader may have this dream: "I dream a world where the rights of the child are for every child."
- A health worker may have this dream: "I dream a world where no child goes without exercise every day."

What are you passionate about? What would you like to see improved in your world or the world around you? What "causes" do you know of?

Your task is to write a quatrain poem about one or more of your dreams. You can write three or more stanzas and you can use one theme for the entire poem or one theme for each stanza.



TOPIC:

Brainstorm ideas of what dream you could write about.

Each stanza might start with "I dream a world where _____" like Langston Hughes poem or you may choose your own words.

THEME:

After you have chosen one or more topics, think of your theme or themes. What do you want the readers to "think" about the topic? What important message do you want to give?

BRAINSTORM:

Brainstorm what the world would be like, what would be different, what people or creatures would do differently. Put your ideas in a list or a web.

(Of course, if you have another topic for your quatrain and are feeling inspired, you may use your topic instead.)

Now complete your Prewriting and Drafting tasks.



Read the suggestions in the lesson above. Then, choose your topic.

Topic:

Theme: Write down a few sentences that describe the theme. What "lesson" or important "message" do you want to share with the readers?

Brainstorm: Put your ideas in a list or on a web. Create some powerful phrases to support your theme.



Start forming your quatrain. If you need to start more than one time, you can record all your efforts here.