

Grade 6 English Language Arts
Week of February 22 – February 25

Lesson 1: Writing a Quatrain

Complete Your Quatrain



Make changes to improve your writing. Remember, poetry uses **purposefully powerful words to cause a reaction**.

- Does each stanza have a consistent rhyme scheme? ABAB, ABCB, AABBCan you add simile, metaphor, alliteration, or personification to enhance your poem?
 - Try a few versions of some of your lines to make the rhyme scheme consistent.
- Can you improve your use of imagery to create a picture?
 - Where can you add specific details?
 - Can you revise to add or substitute stronger action verbs? (looms, winding, pedaled, sought, absorbed, lapping, hummed)
 - Can you revise to add or substitute creatively applied adverbs? (menacingly, casually, reluctantly, seemingly)
 - Can you revise to add or substitute more interesting nouns?
 - Can you revise to add or substitute more tantalizing adjectives? (majestic, grass-filled, endless, fairyland, gentle, peaceful, salty)



Patrol your writing for CUPS (capitals, usage, punctuation, spelling). Make corrections as needed.

Evaluating

The next step in the writing process is "Evaluating". In your Learning Guide, think and talk about the evaluating questions with your home facilitator. Decide how well you think your draft meets the criteria. Revise and edit your poem more, if you feel it is needed.

Have you followed the directions for revising and editing that are given in the lesson? (Yes or No)

With your home facilitator, go through your revised and edited poem as you think and talk about the questions below:

___ Does my quatrain poem show originality and have a strong "voice"?

___ Do I have a consistent rhyme scheme for each stanza?

___ Do I develop some ideas or images in creative or unusual ways?

___ Do I attempt to engage the reader and create an emotional impact (e.g., humour, surprise, strong message)?

___ Do I have a clear theme?

___ Have I used correct capitals, usage (grammar), punctuation, and spelling?

Congratulations!

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WRITER

Do you have someone you can share your poem with now?