

# POETRY

# Structure and Form

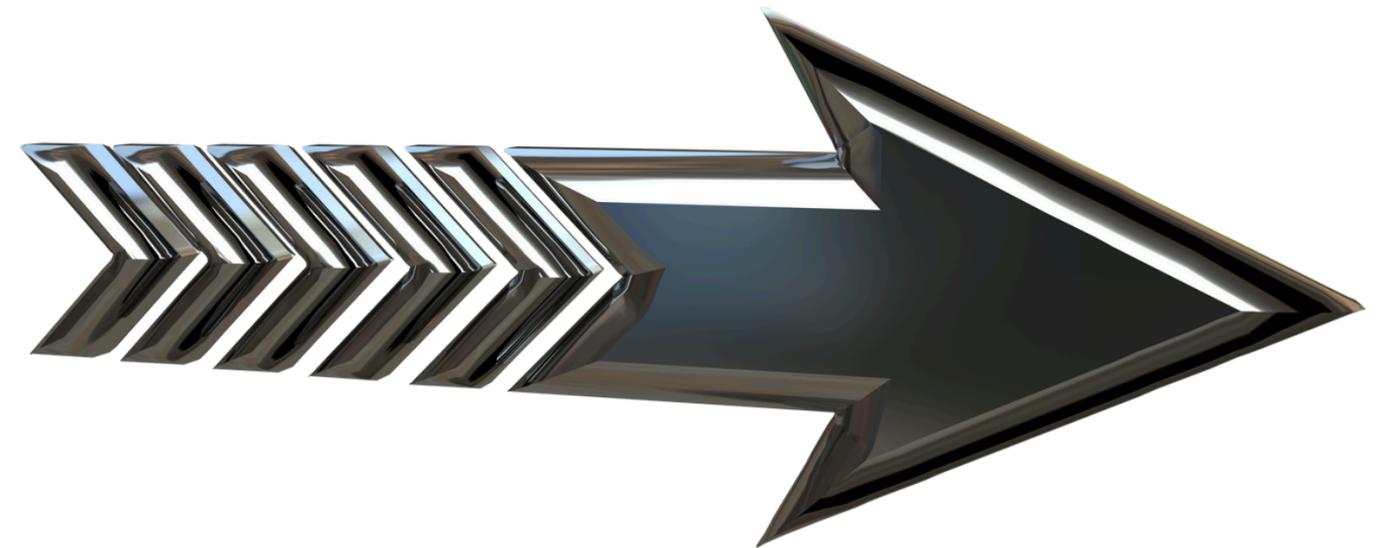
## Haiku

- **Three lines:** The poem has three lines.
- **Syllable pattern:** The first line has 5 syllables, the second line has 7 syllables, and the third line has 5 syllables (5-7-5).
- **Focus on nature:** Haikus often describe elements of nature, the changing seasons, or a moment in time.



## Cinquain

A cinquain is a five-line poem with a specific syllable or word pattern.



# Two Types of Cinquains

## American Cinquain (syllable pattern):

Line 1: 2 syllables  
Line 2: 4 syllables  
Line 3: 6 syllables  
Line 4: 8 syllables  
Line 5: 2 syllables

## Didactic Cinquain (word pattern):

Line 1: One word (a title or subject, often a noun)  
Line 2: Two adjectives describing the subject  
Line 3: Three verbs related to the subject  
Line 4: Four words that express a feeling or deeper meaning  
Line 5: One word that sums up or restates the subject

A photograph of a winter landscape. The scene is dominated by trees heavily laden with snow. In the foreground, a wooden bench with a metal frame is partially covered in snow. The ground is a smooth, white expanse of snow. The background shows more snow-covered trees and a pale, overcast sky. The overall atmosphere is quiet and serene.

**"Snow" by Alice Thomas Ellis**

Snow

Falls

Softly down,

Covering earth,

A world turned soft and white,

Peace.



# Assignment

Write either a haiku or a cinquain that vividly describes a scene, emotion, or object.

## **Instructions:**

### **Choose Your Form:**

**Haiku:** Follow the 5-7-5 syllable pattern. Focus on nature, a moment in time, or a feeling.

**Cinquain:** Write a five-line poem following one of the two patterns (either syllables or words).

Capture a moment, image, or emotion in a concise and vivid way.