

Limerick

There was an Old Man with a beard, Who said, 'It is just as I feared! Two Owls and a Hen, Four Larks and a Wren, Have all built their nests in my beard!'

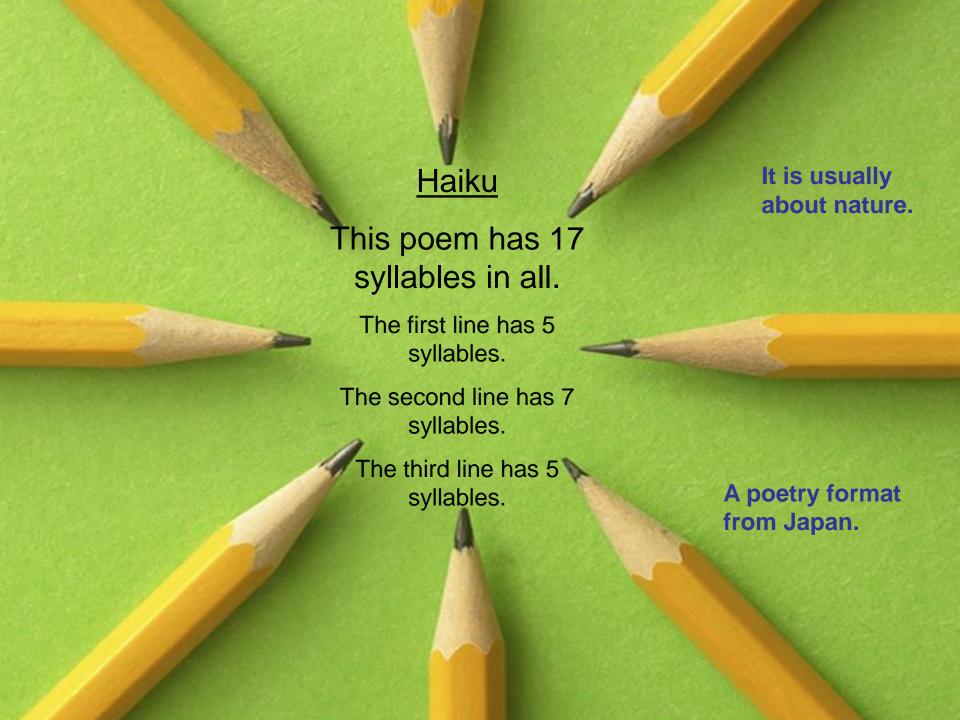




by Edward Lear

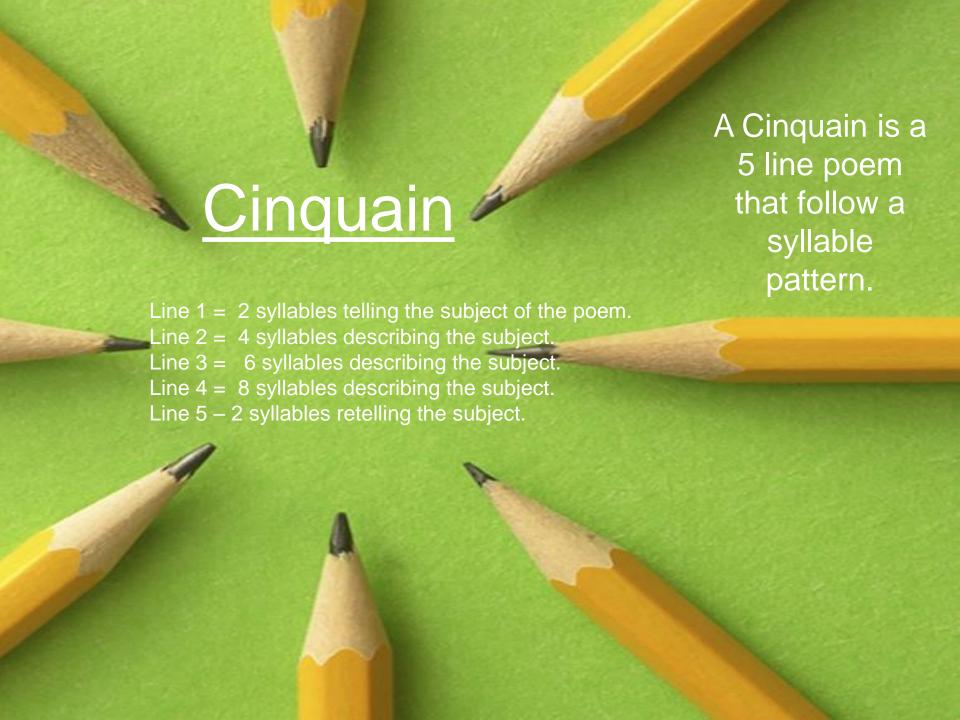




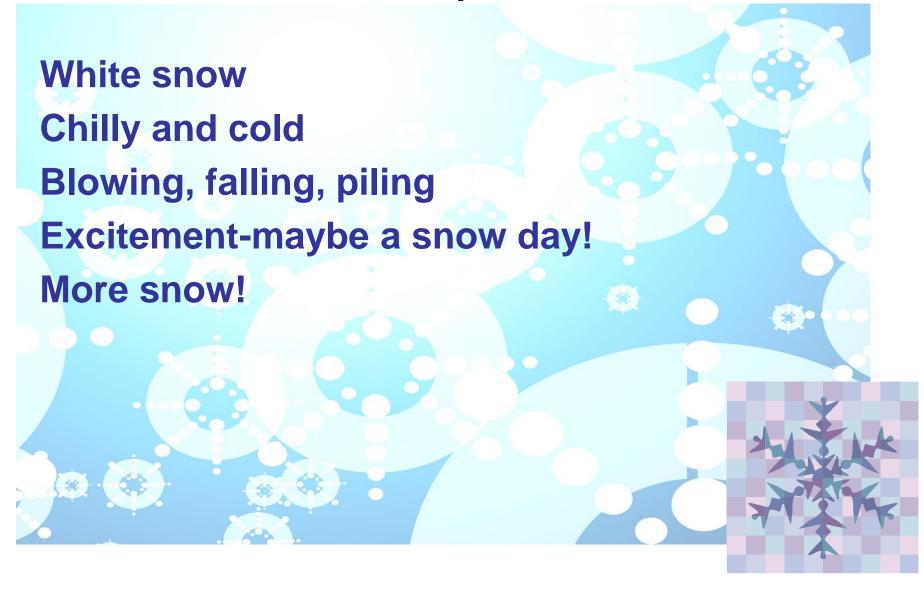


Haiku





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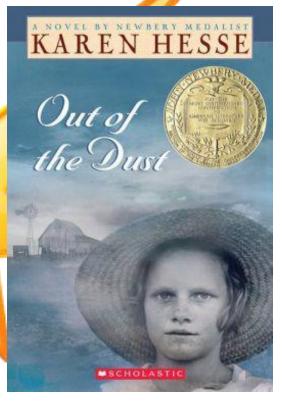


Free Verse Example

Excerpt from Out of the Dust

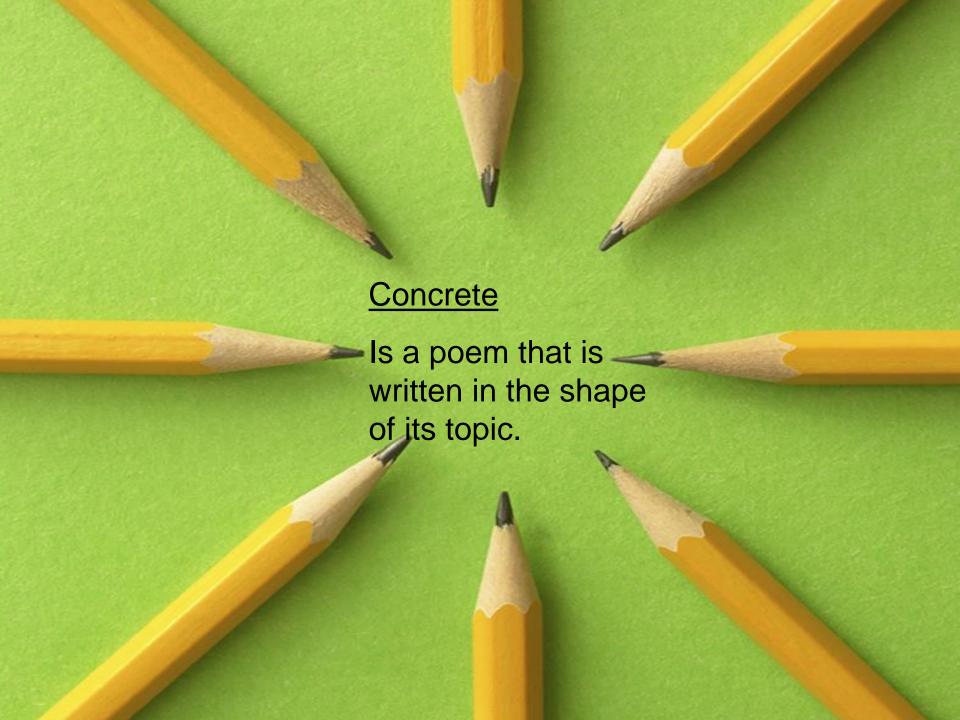
by Karen Hesse

"Now Livie's gone west, out of the dust, on her way to California, Most novels
in verse
follow a free
verse
format.



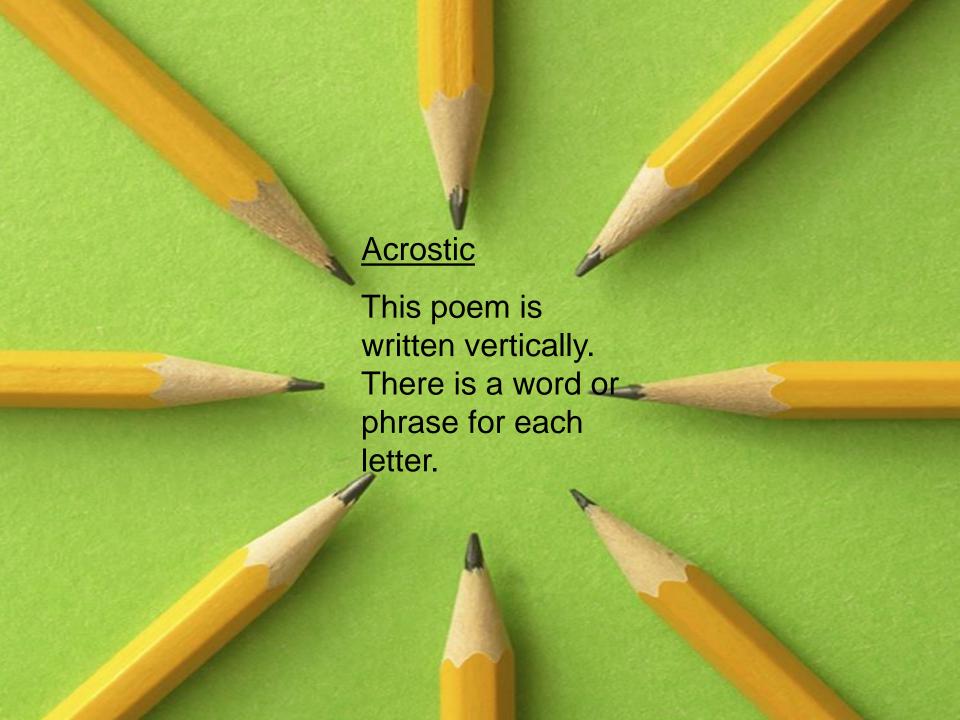
where the wind takes a rest sometimes.

And I'm wondering what kind of friend I am, wanting my feet on a that road to another place Instead of Livie's."

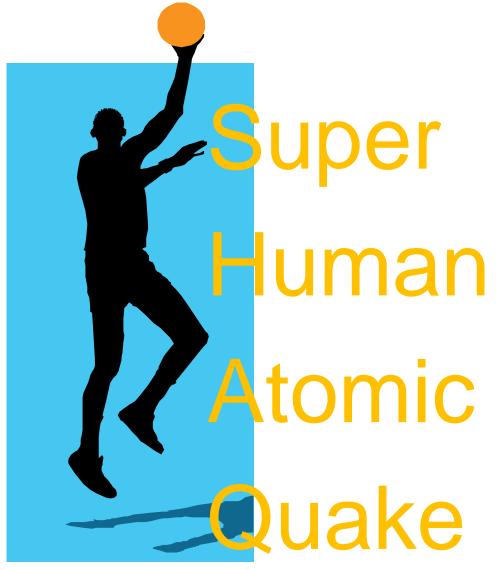


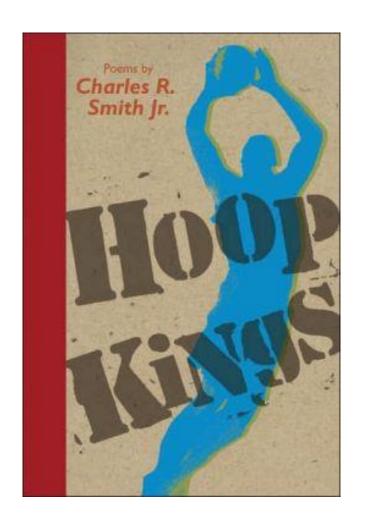
Concrete Example





Acrostic Poem Example

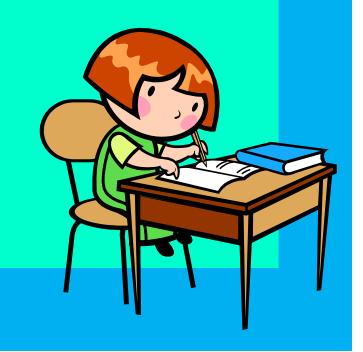




Excerpt from the book Hoop Kings by Charles R. Smith Jr.

Poetry Techniques

Alliteration, Simile, Metaphor,
Hyperbole, Onomatopoeia,
Personification



Personification Examples

The wind whispered through the trees.

As he turned the key and stepped on the gas, the car engine reluctantly coughed and started.

I don't know what happened. My pencil must have ran away.

The thirsty crops cried for the rain to come.

Metaphor Examples

Life is a highway.

Baby, you're a firework!

The blooming flowers were a welcome sign to spring.

Her ignoring me was heaven!

Hyperbole Examples

The line for the new movie was a mile long!

Her suitcase was heavier than a ton of bricks!

I am so hungry I could eat an elephant!

Simile Examples

The tornado was as dark as a cave.

His voice was like a clap of thunder.

The emergency was as unexpected as snow in July.

The room was like a furnace.

Onomatopoeia Examples

Crash Bang Swish Sniffle

Boom Tick tock Giggle

Hiss Thump Fizz Bing Moo

Hiccup Zoom Crack Honk

Squeak Zip chirp Beep

Alliteration Examples

Handsome Harry hired hundreds of field hands for harvest.

Polly politely polished pretty spoons.

Studious students stared at their state test results.